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Every day, members of the A. F. L. Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees of America perform a mammoth job of service for the citizens of this nation. Most of us ride public conveyances daily, and know the good work performed by Brothers and Sisters of ours in the Amalgamated Association. Last year they gave service to more than 15 million persons riding the transit vehicles which they operate. And in return for their conscientious, courteous service, they are able to earn a good living and under decent conditions. It was not always thus.

It is often hard for younger members of the Association to believe, but back in the early days of transportation—in the horse car days—the horses often had better conditions than the drivers. Street railway employees before the advent of unions, worked long hours for small pay. The earliest recorded attempt to organize these employees occurred in New York City in 1861. The Civil War brought an end to this first attempt at unionization and efforts were not revived until 1883 when Local Assembly 2878 of the Knights of Labor was formed by the New York City Street Railway men.

This movement rapidly spread to other cities. In September 1892, the A. F. of L. called a convention of all existing street railway organizations for the purpose of organizing a national union. Fifty representatives from all over the United States responded and the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees was chartered at that time.

The members of this sister A. F. L. union of ours have come a long way in the 60 years which have intervened. They now enjoy good wages, have fair overtime provisions and vacations with pay.

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## BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

**P**ERIODICALLY, here on the pages of your JOURNAL and in newspapers all over our country, appeals are made to lend a hand to the physically handicapped. With a little encouragement, patience and training, some handicapped workers become industry's most reliable personnel with a remarkably low record of absenteeism. And also from time to time, here in your JOURNAL we have published brief accounts of a real spirit of Brotherhood exhibited by our members in helping disabled workers to obtain jobs and training in the electrical field.

The story which we tell here in the ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL this month, and the pictures which illustrate much more effectively than words, the job that has been done, spell out a real story of Brotherhood with a capital "B" and we are extremely proud of our Local Unions 1031 and 134 in Chicago whose generosity and thoughtfulness have helped to make this story possible.

There are thousands of persons here in the United States who are affected with paraplegia, a distressing condition which because of its very nature, renders men and women with alert minds, and strong, agile fingers, impractical to hire, since equipment and working conditions in a normal factory, plant or other place of business,

## Paraplegics Can Produce

are just not adapted to the needs of paraplegics.

The dictionary defines paraplegia as "the paralysis of the lower half of the body on both sides." It doesn't say how difficult life may be for victims of the dread affliction, confined to wheel-chairs in a world that has not taken them into consideration.

In 1951, two World War II veterans, sentenced to wheel-chairs for life, conceived the idea of operating a factory designed especially for the employes who were to operate it. And these employes? Paraplegics. Nils Josefson and Dwight Guilfoil had lots of ability and courage but they also needed help—lots of help—to get their Paraplegics Manufacturing Company, Inc., an electronics parts plant, started. And this is where our Chicago Locals 1031 and 134 came forward and offered their help. L. U. 134 did the intricate wiring

in the Franklin Park, Illinois plant free of charge. L. U. 1031 accepted all workers at the plant as members of their union and gave them six months dues free, and then set out at once to obtain contracts for the electronic parts that the paraplegic workers were to turn out. Others in the Chicago area, suppliers of parts for example, also cooperated with L. U. 1031 in this venture and soon Paraplegics Manufacturing Company was a going concern.

During its first year as the firm was set up and paraplegics began to produce on the assembly line, the plant was only one month in full production and thus the PMC treasury showed a \$7,500 deficit at the year end audit. In the second year, however, the trend was reversed and the ledger showed \$20,000 in the black. PMC's work is obtained on a sub-contract basis and some of the nation's largest organizations—Western Electric, Stewart-Warner, Admiral, to name a few—have found it "good business" to do business with paraplegics.

Approximately 100 paraplegics and other victims of physical disability make up the working force at this factory. While PMC's workforce is not restricted to paraplegics, they are given preference. They don't ask for, nor do they receive any excessive consideration. They produce as they can and their production records speak for themselves.

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A group of paraplegics sitting in their wheelchairs at the Union Industries Show in Chicago are sworn into the I.B.E.W. by M. F. Darling, President of Local 1031, Chicago. All are employes of Paraplegics Manufacturing Company.





A worker at Paraplegics Manufacturing Company reports for work in the wheelchair from which he will perform his duties. Building was planned for them.



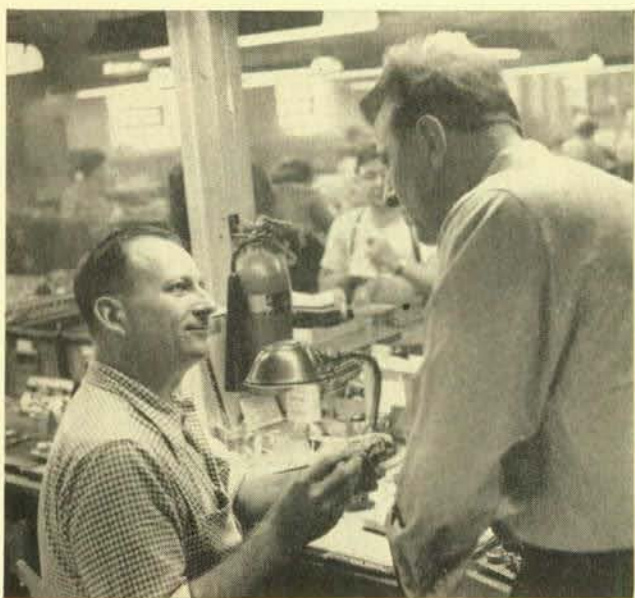
Most of the employees at PMC work at their duties on the assembly line from their wheelchairs. Some are not paralyzed but paraplegics get preference.



Salesman Liver, left, unparalyzed, talks business with founders Nils Josefson, center, and Dwight Guilfoil, right, both paraplegic founders of firm.



Greater majority of working force is disabled in some way. Whenever there is a job vacancy, paraplegics are given job preference by the company.



The nation's largest companies have found it pays to do business with PMC. Here the foreman answers a worker's question on a complex electronic part.



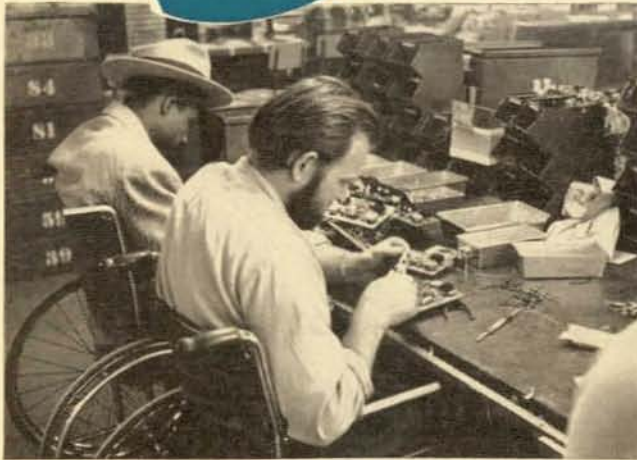
Starting in the red, PMC rapidly went "into the black" as workers, conscious of potential benefits, put full skills and dexterity to work at benches.

**CONTINUED**

# Paraplegics Can Produce



Workers at PMC receive no special attentions that are not known at other plants. During the morning and afternoon there are 10-minute breaks taken by all, paralyzed and unparalyzed, for coffee and rest.



There is no piecework at PMC. Such large concerns as Admiral, Western Electric, Stewart-Warner and others buy the products of the skilled employees.



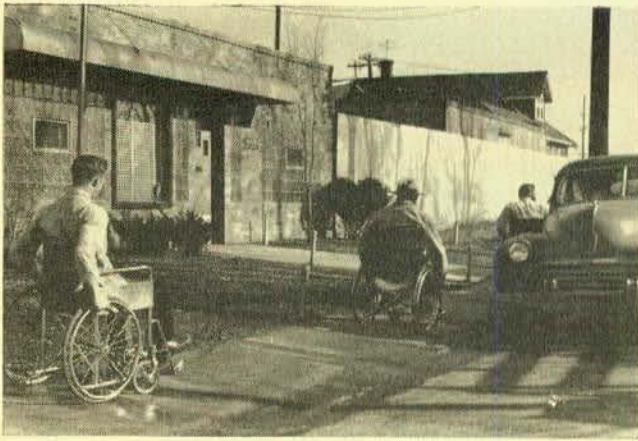
One change is in personnel relations. The head of the department makes the rounds of the workers in the plant rather than calling them to his office.



Many of the workers put in only half-days. When unwell, they are excused from work. Absenteeism rate is remarkably low among the 100 paraplegics.



When the PMC plant was built in 1951, many A.F.L. building crafts such as plumbers and I.B.E.W. men contributed their time to install needed equipment.



The working force at PMC wheels around without a worry from steps. Building was planned to do away with them. Here men leave as day's work is done.



Automobiles are numerous; practically one for each employee. All have special devices which make it possible to drive safely without use of the legs.



A paraplegic veteran, an employee of the plant, is climbing into his specially-equipped automobile. The government supplies these cars for veterans.



Once in his auto, the paraplegic reaches out for his chair, folds it, and pulls it in behind him. This scene is repeated all over the parking area.



This is PMC employe Frank Karwoski, Elmwood Park, at home with his wife and daughter. He was one of the earliest employes to start work at plant.



Opportunities given Karwoski and others like him by PMC has made it possible for him and his family to lead a life that is comfortable and secure.



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

*Minutes and Report of the International Executive Council.  
Regular Meeting Beginning March 9, 1953.*

Paulsen, Marciante, Caffrey, McMillian, Scholtz, Broach, Carle, Foehn and Cockburn—all present.

The International President fills all vacancies occurring among officers between Conventions. Those he appoints must be approved by the Executive Council. C. McMillian was appointed to the Council following the death of Oliver Myers. The appointment was approved.

The minutes and report of our last meeting were approved.

The auditor's regular reports were examined, discussed and filed.

## **CASE OF LOCAL UNION 104**

Members of Local Union 104, Boston, Mass., do outside work. Members of Local Union 103 (same city) do inside work.

For many years members of both Local Unions have worked for the Metropolitan Transit Authority, the transportation system serving Boston and its suburbs. Differences over certain substation work resulted in the Management requesting a ruling from Vice President Regan.

Regan called a conference of the representatives of both Local Unions and Management. A written record of the types of work done by members of each Local, through the years, was presented by Management. This record was requested by Regan.

## **Ruling of Vice President**

Regan ruled that "the sensible way in the present dispute is to continue past practices." He based his decision on the record of work done in the past by members of each Local.

Local Union 104 appealed to the International President. He upheld Regan's decision. The Local then appealed to this Executive Council.

We set a date to hear the case and the following appeared to represent their Local Unions:

Henry L. Nolan, Local 104, Business Manager  
W. A. Donahue, Local 104, Steward  
Andre C. Jasse, Local 103, Business Manager  
J. A. Gilmour, Local 103, President  
John F. Queeney, Local 103, Financial Secretary

## **Decision of Council**

After hearing the arguments and examining the evidence, we find no reason why the practice of many years should not continue.

In such cases as this, the I.B.E.W. Constitution properly states:

"... it is impractical to classify or divide jurisdiction of work in every detail . . ."

"... when disputes arise, the I.P. shall determine what L.U. will do certain work or jobs consistent with progress and best interests of the I.B.E.W. . . ."

We sustain the decisions rendered and deny the appeal.

## **CASE OF JOHN BIPPUS**

John Bippus has his card in the International Office. He works part time as an electrical inspector in Southwestern New Mexico.

Bippus wants a ruling on this question: Can he receive the Brotherhood pension if he continues his part-time inspector's job?

We have already held that electrical inspection is electrical work. And our Constitution states:

"Any member admitted to pension benefits shall not be permitted to perform any electrical work of any kind either for compensation or gratis for anyone." (Article XII, Section 3)

The Executive Council does not believe any exception should be made in the case of electrical inspectors, working part or full time.

## **INTERNATIONAL CHARGE**

International President Tracy submitted to us the cases of Local Unions 283, Boise, Idaho and 692 of Bay City, Michigan.

The International President is empowered by our Constitution to take charge of the affairs of any local union to protect the interests of its members and the I.B.E.W. Charge was taken of the above Local Unions.

The Constitution requires, however, that if a Local's affairs have not been adjusted in six months the entire case must be referred to the Executive Council.

We reviewed the Boise and Bay City cases and decided in both that International charge (or supervision) shall continue until further notice.

### **CONVENTION CITY CHANGED**

Our last minutes and report stated:

"Our 1954 Convention is scheduled for Seattle, Washington. Secretary Milne reported to us that he had recently visited Seattle about the accommodations available.

"He reports that no less than 3500 rooms will be required. He met with the Manager of the Seattle Convention Bureau and the Business Managers of Local Unions 46 and 77.

"They went through the list of hotels and motor courts they thought could give us rooms. The most rooms available (including the motor courts and small hotels) was estimated at 1800 at the time. A further check is to be made and more information will be furnished later.

"Conventions must be booked long in advance. But twice in succession it was later found that the Convention cities selected could not provide enough accommodations. And at the last moment we had to take what we could get elsewhere. All want to avoid making this mistake a third time in succession."

### **Not Enough Accommodations**

Further investigation showed that Seattle simply could not provide the necessary accommodations. So The Washington State Association of Electrical Workers—which sought the 1954 Convention for Seattle—has voted unanimously to leave the selection of the next Convention City to this Executive Council.

Our Constitution provides:

"Should any condition arise that would prevent a convention being held in the city decided on by referendum, or by convention action, the place for holding it can be changed by the I.E.C.

"The I.E.C. has power to change the date on which an I.C. is to convene, but any change made shall not be for more than 90 days before or after the original date fixed." (Article II, Sections 2 and 3)

### **Chicago Selected**

The Executive Council decided the 1954 Convention shall be held in Chicago, Illinois beginning Monday, August 30, 1954. (This is the only open date for the Convention Hall. It is air conditioned.)

International Secretary Milne, as requested by us, has made the necessary arrangements. He will provide the Local Unions with full information when the Convention Call is issued next year.

### **INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY**

Secretary Milne reported to us about convention arrangements. He also reported on several other organization matters, including our Pension Benefit Fund, the Brotherhood finances and investments.

We authorized Milne to invest not more than \$1 million in what is known as purchase lease properties.

Our amended law states:

"(5) Any officer, representative, organizer or assistant who leaves the I.B.E.W. service for any reason before becoming eligible for retirement, shall have his contributions (to the Retirement Fund) returned to him and, in case of his death, to his beneficiary."

The Council authorized the refund of \$235.77 to the beneficiary of Cecil Shaw, one of our Canadian organizers who died February 16, 1953.

We also authorized the refund of \$284.91 to organizer A. A. Moore. He left the Brotherhood service January 31, 1953.

### **PENSIONS APPROVED**

The Executive Council approved the following pension applications:

<b>Card In The I.O.</b>	<b>Formerly Of L.U.</b>
Brennan, Aneas J. ....	17
Wrangham, George A. ....	18
Reinacher, Louis J. ....	25
Idle, William S. ....	32
DeClark, Frank F. ....	40
Eastman, Howard J. ....	48
Fife, Harry B. ....	58
Reich, Theodore ....	58
Croll, James B. ....	77
Hewitt, William ....	86
Brennan, John F. ....	96
Beehler, William ....	99
Dallas, James P. ....	103
McInnis, Edward ....	104
Crites, M. J. ....	122
Anderson, Philip J. ....	134
Fitzpatrick, Walter F. ....	134
Raferty, Bertram D. ....	137
Ames, R. W. ....	150
Pratt, Harry W. ....	180
Whipple, Joseph L. ....	181
Ryneerson, Willis D. ....	240
Lemley, Howard ....	247
Conley, John A. ....	276
Dimmer, John P. ....	333
Erickson, Eric ....	339
Adam, Edward N. ....	341
Knecht, John G. ....	397
Sheppert, Sr., William S. ....	446
Burton, Roy E. ....	702
Turner, H. A. ....	702
Dombrowski, Charles ....	757
Braley, Elias T. ....	800
Fay, Thomas B. ....	1091

Membership In L.U.		Membership In L.U.	
Masson, Emile J. ....	1	Racer, Joseph .....	38
Richter, Albert .....	1	Saunway, Joseph W. ....	38
Thiel, Thomas F. ....	1	Weir, Phil .....	38
Vernier, Lawrence .....	1	Burke, James M. ....	41
Aaron, Sam .....	3	Hampton, Fred B. ....	41
Boisseau, Edmond .....	3	Johnson, Owen A. ....	41
Cassidy, Robert G. ....	3	Wilson, Edward J. ....	41
Frank, Fred G. ....	3	Hilpert, Henry .....	46
Gibson, Alfred E. ....	3	Veirs, Earl E. ....	46
Hammell, Harold E. ....	3	Zieseniss, Alvin F. ....	46
Hicinbothem, William .....	3	Binkley, C. D. ....	48
Kehoe, John J. ....	3	Davies, Benjamin L. ....	52
Laux, Joseph .....	3	Barton, William W. ....	54
Lavine, Joseph .....	3	Dicaire, Orville .....	58
Lightfoot, William J. ....	3	Faber, Morris .....	58
Lins, Clarence C. ....	3	Howard, Bert .....	58
Lynch, David .....	3	Lynch, Patrick .....	58
Murphy, Charles .....	3	Timmerman, Warren .....	58
Ostermeier, Louis .....	3	Bolitho, Thomas H. ....	65
Roskop, Frederick .....	3	Tebo, Edward M. ....	65
Roth, William H. ....	3	Brooks, L. B. ....	66
Verry, John H. ....	3	Letterman, William J. ....	79
Hartmuss, Frank J. ....	5	Davis, Ralph H. ....	82
Gimmel, Walter .....	6	Cordery, Frank B. ....	98
Murray, Chester E. ....	6	Montfort, James J. ....	99
Ryan, William J. ....	6	Barrett, Joseph P. ....	103
Sablatschan, Edward R. ....	6	Donnini, Hugo C. ....	103
Holland, John T. ....	9	Griswold, Charles W. ....	103
Kloss, William J. ....	9	Jensen, Alfred J. ....	103
Noble, Charles H. ....	9	Koning, John H. ....	103
Schneeberger, J. B. ....	9	Reilly, Daniel T. ....	103
Bernard, Frank E. ....	11	Perry, Myron .....	112
Cook, Ross .....	11	Klave, Royal J. ....	122
Enderwies, G. T. ....	11	Daggett, Charles A. ....	125
Hadley, Frank .....	11	Lehl, George .....	125
Kettner, Gustave P. ....	11	Gates, Edgar P. ....	129
Klagge, G. H. ....	11	Brown, E. T. ....	130
Matthews, Fred .....	11	Gorman, Michael A. ....	134
Moore, Lovick P. ....	11	Jarvie, William .....	134
Verchot, Frank .....	11	Kvarnstrom, David .....	134
Cope, Billie N. ....	17	Maloney, Patrick J. ....	134
Craven, Richard .....	17	Murphy, A. P. ....	134
Dodge, Acie .....	17	Naumes, Matt .....	134
Hoffmeyer, Oliver .....	17	Pertle, O. G. ....	134
McIntosh, H. J. ....	17	Pichot, R. ....	134
Webber, Arthur .....	17	Seils, August H. ....	134
Harrison, R. H. ....	18	Sparks, William .....	134
Ramsey, Blaine .....	18	Suchomski, Anthony .....	134
Smead, John .....	18	Thompson, Harry W. ....	134
Rosenquist, Clarence .....	22	Westervelt, Chauncey M. ....	134
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Warren, Robert N. ....	212
Atkinson, James ....	213
Dalziel, James ....	213
Grant, J. B. ....	213
Hyndman, William ....	213
MacAdam, Charles ....	213
Byrd, James B. ....	214
Hinsey, Herbert F. ....	214
Margenau, Gordon W. ....	214
Van Ordstrand, Alex ....	214
Dopp, David ....	230
Tonman, Alfred D. ....	230
Altic, James ....	309
Dugan, William ....	319
Suni, Anton ....	339
Little, J. H. ....	349
Sieffert, Clarence M. ....	349
Smith, J. E. ....	393
Kiser, Louis S. ....	397
Mackintosh, Charles ....	397
Philipson, E. P. ....	409
Moyer, Homer A. ....	415
Edwards, Sr., Heber E. ....	449
Nolting, William ....	481
Durant, H. E. ....	483
Schlosser, August F. ....	488
Marcheck, Frank J. ....	500
LaRoza, Edward ....	501
Barker, Albert H. ....	515
Macler, Charles ....	551
Welch, James P. ....	552
Booth, David W. ....	561
Hughes, Arthur ....	561
Kilcoyne, E. P. ....	569
Flick, Emil ....	595
Woolsey, Stewart A. ....	595
Sullivan, Jeremiah T. ....	623
Geddie, William R. ....	665
Davis, Sr., Lawrence H. ....	697
Jacobs, Harold H. ....	697
Broadbent, George A. ....	702
Gower, Roy W. ....	702
Bunk, Walter V. ....	713
Cash, George ....	713
Chamberlain, George ....	713
Sass, Thomas ....	713
Deuel, B. W. ....	716
Harris, Charles ....	716
Pennett, Fred H. ....	719
Bogart, William S. ....	770
Champeau, Sr., Galponse ....	773
Harry, E. V. ....	794
Kimmick, E. F. ....	794
Stone, John F. ....	800
Brown, Parker L. ....	817
Noonan, John F. ....	817
Cramer, Ralph E. ....	857
Hohlbein, John H. ....	865
Childs, Otis H. ....	876
Hopper, James ....	886
Thornton, Charles W. ....	917
Huston, George ....	948
Taylor, A. W. ....	948
Latuch, Philip B. ....	1024
Nutting, Ralph L. ....	1029

	Membership In L.U.
Meikle, Walter ....	1095
Shoults, Edwin H. ....	1141
Quinlan, Albert B. ....	1144
Hodgson, Charles H. ....	1245
Small, Alexander ....	1245
Sandrock, J. E. ....	1439

### BIRTH DATES CORRECTED

Acceptable evidence was submitted to the Council and corrections have been made in the International records of the birth dates of the following members:

	Membership In L.U.
George, Louis M. ....	2
Abbazia, Michael ....	3
Meyer, Arthur ....	3
Robertshaw, Gilbert ....	3
Feinberg, Ben ....	5
Mills, Arlington M. ....	11
Phillips, Edson L. ....	25
Hess, James ....	134
Radtke, William ....	134
Westenhaver, John B. ....	141
Brockway, Steve ....	160
Violand, Herbert ....	270
Smith, Ellis B. ....	302
Stake, Russell ....	477
McDonald, D. S. ....	500
Lunnin, Charles ....	502
Moore, Harry M. ....	684
Jepson, Howard A. ....	713
Jacobs, Charles ....	716
Barton, Robert L. ....	732
Porter, Egbert ....	869
Schultz, Otto ....	903
Cummings, Guernsey ....	Card in I.O.

### BIRTH DATES NOT CHANGED

Requests for changes in birth dates in the International records of the following members were denied:

	Membership In L.U.
Dark, O. D. ....	48
Musgrove, Wardell N. ....	479
Steele, Glen A. ....	531
Chambers, Edward ....	1393

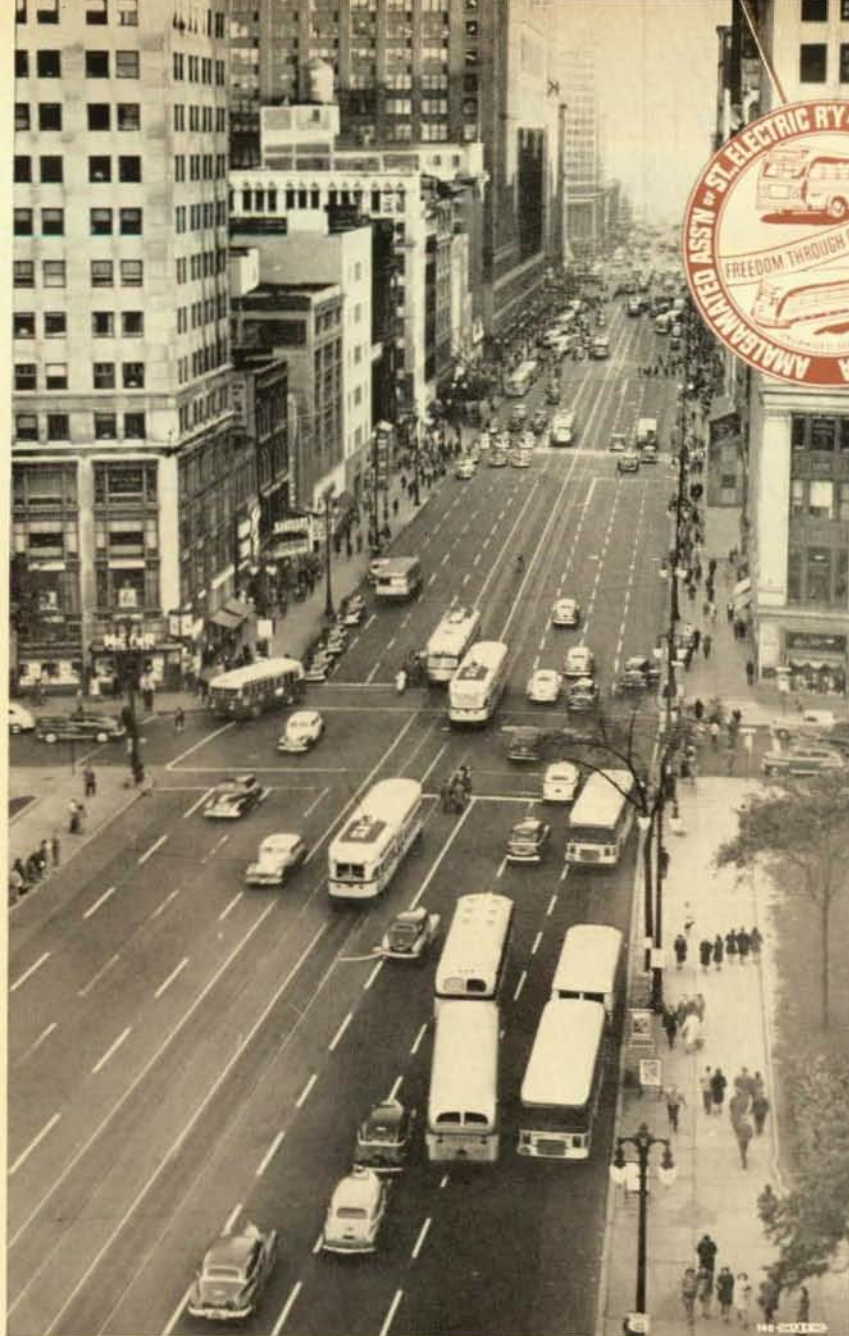
The records will be changed—to show a different date from what was originally given—when acceptable evidence is submitted to the Council.

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Executive Council adjourned late Friday, March 13, 1953.

The next regular meeting will begin at 10 A.M., Monday, June 22, 1953.

H. H. BROACH,  
*Secretary of  
Executive Council.*



Below: The public has learned to depend on their street transportation systems, no matter what the weather, for the vital city transport which daily orders their lives.



KNOW YOUR A.F. of L.

THE STREET, ELECTRIC  
RAILWAY AND  
MOTOR COACH  
EMPLOYEES'

# STORY



"**H**AVE your fares ready please." "Kindly step to the rear of the bus." "Watch your step ma'am." "Next stop—Spring Street!"

These are familiar sounds to Mr. and Mrs. America and all the little Americans who ride buses and street cars every day of their lives. The bus driver or the street railway motorman is an integral part of Americana, performing a real service for the citizens of our country every day. Last year 15 billion people rode public transit vehicles—to work, to shop, to school. These citizens owe a debt of gratitude to the 150,000 members of the union we salute this month for making possible their speedy, safe transportation from place to place at moderate cost. We are pleased to pay tribute to the members of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Em-

ployes of America. This is their story.

### Modern Occupation

First let us say that we commonly think of the work of some of the AF of L unions we have saluted, as ancient occupations—those in the baking and meat cutting industries for example, or in the garment trades. And we think of other industries as modern and coming to the fore principally in our own time or in that of a generation but once or twice removed. So it is with bus and streetcar transportation. But this is a fallacy. Common carrier passenger vehicles propelled by men or animals were well-known in ancient times. The Egyptians are said to have employed large chariots for public transportation as early as 1700 B.C., while the ancient Greeks used horseless coaches driven by levers and gears and propelled by slaves.

The first city omnibus line recorded in history operated in

Paris in the year 1662 and ran at set intervals. Soldiers, lackeys, pages and livery servants were not permitted to ride in these public conveyances but these restrictions were soon relaxed and anyone who could pay the fare could ride.

### First Inter-City Line

The first inter-city omnibus line of modern times was established in England in the year 1659 and ran between London and Dover. In 1712 long distance stagecoach service was established between Edinburgh and London. We wonder what the people of the 18th century would think of modern transportation and of the ease and nonchalance with which persons travel today. In those days inter-city travel was dangerous, slow and exhausting. Before going on a long trip, passengers put their affairs in order, made their wills and even had prayers offered in the churches for their safety.

The first horseless omnibus was inaugurated on Christmas Eve in

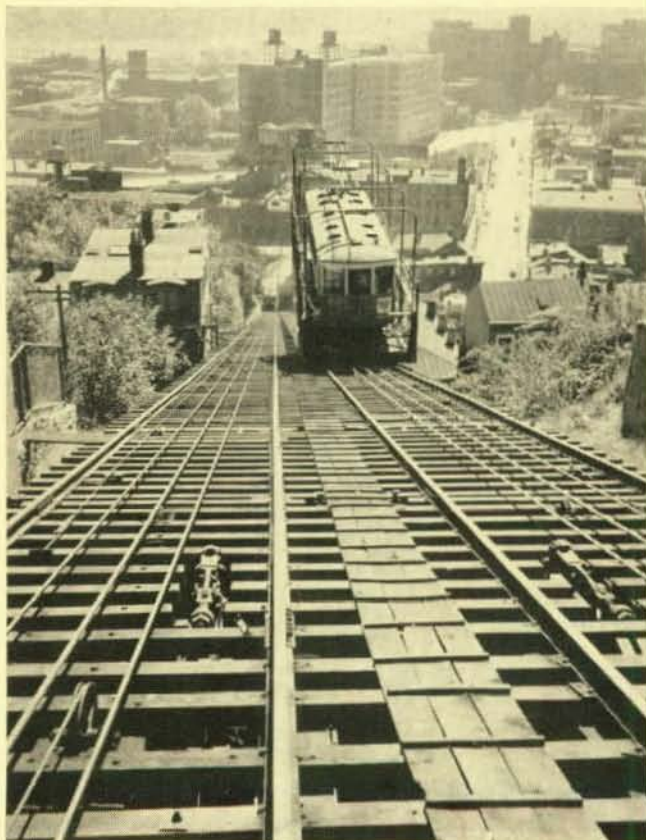
the year 1801 when an English engineer named Richard Trevithick drove the first load of passengers ever to ride a steam road coach.

### 'Jitney' Days

Many of our American bus lines, as we know them today, had their advent just before or during World War I. Private car owners with seven-passenger cars—Oaklands, Stephens, Hudsons, Studebakers, Cadillacs, picked up passengers along indefinite routes and charged them a nickel fare—a "jitney." Many enterprising drivers had special bodies put on their cars to increase their capacity to pick up jitney passengers. These men, who naturally were out to make money from their scheme, soon realized that on some trips they made money and on others they lost it, and so they began to establish regular routes to be run at set times so their passengers could count on them.

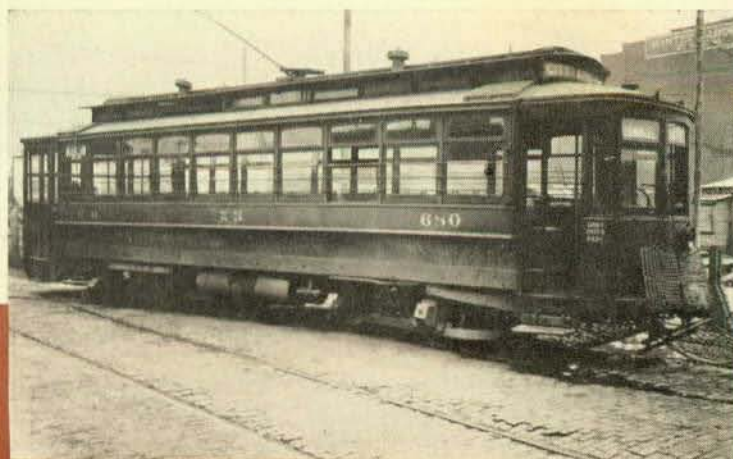
Street cars were also prominent in the history of American rapid

No longer in operation, this incline railway up steep Mt. Adams in Cincinnati was a native necessity and a novel tourist attraction for years.



One of the few remaining incline railways still in operation is this Amalgamated-staffed line up the face of Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, Tenn.





Above is the first of three stages in development of electrically operated transit equipment; one of the first electric street cars. At upper right is one of the types in use during the 1920's. At the right is an experimental trolley coach, articulated to permit ease of turning, which seats 38 people.



transit. We read numerous accounts of the beginning of street cars here in our country. The story in Indianapolis, the cross-roads of our nation, is typical.

#### Mule-Drawn Cars

Abraham Lincoln was President when Indianapolis built its first street car line in 1864. The first cars were mule drawn and required the services of a driver and a conductor. The driver stood on a small open platform with a thin dash between him and the operating power. It is interesting to note that the public conveyances were not heated in those days. However, in cold weather, straw and hay were sprinkled generously over the floors. At night the cars were lighted by two small coal oil lamps. These early rail cars were known as "bob-tail" cars. They ran at the phenomenal speed of four miles per hour.

Our Electrical Workers will be interested in the accounts of the first changeover that was made

from mule power to electric power. This was on June 18, 1890 and one of the Indianapolis newspapers had this to say of the innovation:

#### 'Swooped Down'

"The excitement on Illinois Street at the Union Station was intense yesterday morning when the first electric train swooped around the bend from the power house, followed by a crowd of wildly scurrying people who had gone to that structure to be sure of getting on it and were unable to board it on account of its rapid motion. The big gong clanged, a brass band broke out in a tune, and the dense crowds cheered loudly as the motorer turned the crank and completed the electrical current that allowed the car to sweep up Illinois Street."

But so much for nostalgia and the story of a bygone day. What about the public conveyances of today, and more important, what about the men and women in our sister AFL organization who man them.

Today there are perhaps 100,000 streetcars and buses operating in the United States. As far back as 10 years ago, the buses of our country alone averaged 35 miles for every man, woman and child in the United States. That's the equivalent of 12 round trips to the moon every day of the year! And that readers, is one tremendous bit of travel—and it is accomplished chiefly through the steady faithful service of members of the Amalgamated Association.

The members of the Amalgamated Association are concerned principally with the operation of cars and buses—they are motormen, conductors and drivers.

#### Motormen's Duties

Motormen on a surface railway car must operate the car in accordance with traffic regulations, open and close doors, start and stop the car on signal from the conductor or on his own judgment. The conductor on all types of vehicles performs a variety of duties such as collecting fares, issuing transfers,

opening and closing doors, signaling motorman to stop or proceed, announcing stops, answering questions about schedules, routes, and fares, maintaining order among passengers and making out reports. However, today, in at least 95 percent of the cases, the motorman

quite high and training is usually pretty intense.

Ordinary service rendered by motormen and motor coach operators is always responsible, often exacting, but many times they are called upon to perform extraordinary service. For example bus

with people who want to bring animals on the bus and changing \$20 bills.

But these public servants seldom complain and are usually cheerful. Maybe they have heard that in England, drivers must charge passengers by the mile, have special rates for early morning passengers and carry perambulators, baby carriages and dogs on their trams at half fare. Or perhaps they've heard that developments in the transportation field are prophesied to show helicopters with members of the Amalgamated Association driving them in the not-too-far distant future.

At any rate members of the Amalgamated have important, responsible jobs which they perform with dispatch.

### Horses Had It Best

And in return for their responsible service, are members of the Amalgamated well compensated? Yes, they are, thanks to the union. It was not always thus. Back in the horse car days, the horses often had better working conditions than the drivers. Drivers and conductors often toiled 16 and 18 hours a day, seven days a week while no horse worked more than four hours. After all, horses cost money but help was easy to get—and cheap. Sometimes the pay the men earned was so small that the drivers envied the horses who could fill up on hay and oats, reasonably priced — but human stomachs needed meat and bread and milk which often used up the meager pay, leaving these workmen and

and conductor is one and the same man, operating his vehicle alone and performing his myriad duties.

### Rigid Schedules

Drivers of local motor and trolley buses are required to operate the vehicle on time schedules over established routes, collect fares, answer questions, and announce stops as well as operate ventilating, lighting and heating devices, make end-of-run reports and keep collection records. Intercity bus drivers, in addition to performing these duties, must look after the passengers' personal comfort and baggage. Time schedules must be rigidly adhered to so that passengers may make connections with other buses and trains. Drivers must be familiar with traffic regulations in all cities and states through which they pass. Sometimes they are also responsible for transportation of newspapers, express or mail.

Tests and requirements, physical and mental for driver positions are

drivers have often thwarted hold-ups on their buses, many times they have driven through blizzards and on occasion been marooned in snowdrifts, they have traveled roads washed out by flood, they have rendered aid to passengers suddenly taken ill and have even delivered babies. Ordinary service invariably carries with it getting on with cantankerous riders and drunks, remembering where half a dozen persons want off, arguing

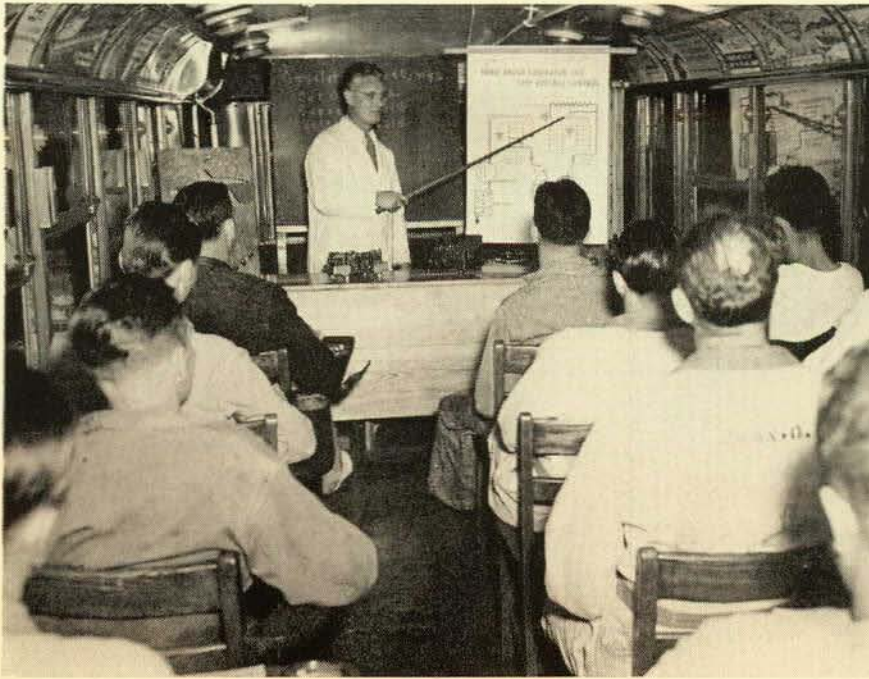


Modern equipment considers operators. Notice the foot and brake pedals and anti-glare shield above pushbuttons.



Latest and most modern over-the-road busses have two-way radio equipment so driver can contact division point.





Left: Division 689, Washington, D. C., has a mobile mechanic classroom made from bus which tours garages to give men instruction in bus maintenance.

Below: This Amalgamated member with button on his cap uses a king-sized wrench to change 11.25-18 tire.



Below: The most skilled attention by trained Amalgamated mechanics is necessary to keep city busses moving.



their families ill-housed and ill-clothed. The average hourly wage was 12 cents an hour.

And so, from wrongs and poverty and mistreatment, the urge to unite, to secure a better life was born, just as it was with the Garment Workers and Cigar Makers and Electrical Workers and other oppressed peoples of an earlier day.

The earliest recorded attempt to organize street railway employees occurred in New York in 1861. The group was first formed into a benevolent organization which denounced strikes. But as their wages were reduced time after time, the men were forced to form an organization which had at least some semblance of a union. However, this group was short lived since the Civil War brought about its destruction as it did to the unions of many other crafts.

#### Beaten by Traitor

The next attempt to organize transit employees was in 1883 when Local Assembly 2878 of the Knights of Labor was formed by the New York City street railway men. This organization had rough going, however, because a traitor gained membership and shortly thereafter, the company discharged many workers, and in a fear reaction, the membership dropped from

600 to 13, just six months after organization.

The leaders were not to be daunted, however, and worked secretly to rebuild their union, and by December 1885 were strong enough to present an agreement to management, and strikes of short duration over the city did win some measure of recognition.

The small victories of the New York men, coupled with the agitation by forces of organized labor throughout the country for the eight-hour day, inspired transit workers in other cities to seek organization. By 1886, the street railway men in most major cities had an organization of one type or another.

Through the efforts of these early groups, the 16 and 18 hour day, which was nearly universal throughout the industry, was cut down to 12 hours.

#### Call by Gompers

Early in 1888, the work of organizing street railway men was taken up by American Federation of Labor organizers. In 1892, Samuel Gompers called a convention of all existing street railway organizations in order to form a national or international union. More than 50 representatives from all over the United States answered the call and met in Man-

sur's Hall, Indianapolis, September 12, 1892, and the first convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees was in progress.

William J. Law of Detroit was elected first International President. The delegates voted for a per capita tax payment of five cents per month per member and, this is an interesting note since

the convention was called by the AF of L, they refused to affiliate with this parent body.

It was only a year later, however, that the new union decided to affiliate with the AF of L, which affiliation has continued without interruption ever since. Also in 1893, William D. Mahon was elected International President. He served without interruption until his voluntary retirement in 1946. He was a wise, well-loved union leader who served his organization well and saw it rise from nothing to a position of strength in the labor movement. At its 1894 Convention, the Association named the city of Detroit its permanent headquarters, and it has so continued until today.

The Amalgamated Association grew, little by little in the early days, winning small but steady gains in wages and hours and working conditions.

### Name Changed

When buses began making in-roads on the electric car, the Association quickly moved to take in Motor Coach Employees and changed its name accordingly.

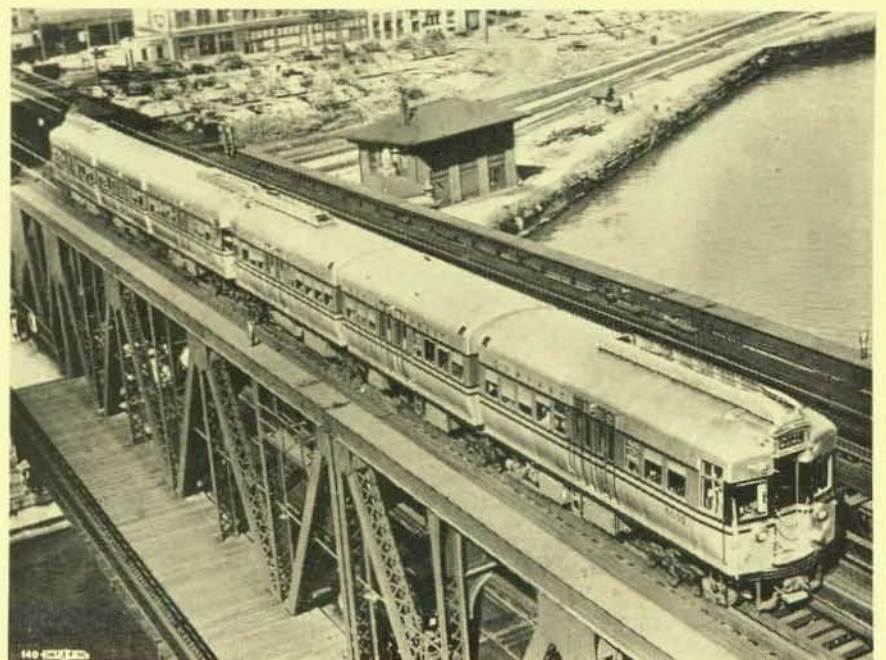
The signing of the Wagner Act by President Roosevelt in 1935 gave impetus to the organizing efforts of the Amalgamated as it did to other unions. The Amalgamated was one of the first unions to take advantage of the law's guarantee of the right to organize, free of employer interference. In Pittsburgh, men and women employed by the Pennsylvania Greyhound Corporation formed Local Division No. 1063 and immediately several of them were fired. This case was the first to be heard by the newly-formed National Labor Relations Board. It also marked the beginning of a long struggle. The Amalgamated won the case before the NLRB but there followed appeals and hearings that went all the way to the Supreme Court. In this instance, labor triumphed, however, for when the highest court in the land proclaimed the Wagner Act, Constitutional, the Greyhound Company had no recourse but to reinstate the five members it had fired and



Above: Amalgamated members in over-the-road divisions drive inter-city busses such as this one headed for Pittsburgh on Pennsylvania Turnpike.



Below: Amalgamated members of Division 308 operate the trains which race along the famous Chicago "L".



pay them back wages amounting to more than \$1,800 each.

Yes, the Amalgamated grew in economic strength and membership in the days of the New Deal, and after. Today the Amalgamated has 453 active locals and 150,000 members.

Its progress with regard to wages has been continuous and outstanding. From the average wage of 12 cents per hour paid at the time the Association was first formed, the latest figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show the average hourly wage in the local transit industry to be \$1.70. However, some Amalgamated operators receive as high as \$1.92 hourly and in the case of maintenance employees, hourly rates up to \$2.20 are not uncommon.

Over-the-road drivers, many of whom belong to the Amalgamated, such as employees of the various Greyhound companies, American Bus lines etc., are usually paid on a mileage basis, averaging \$.0775 a mile and running about 200 miles a day.

As is the case with many of our own I.B.E.W. members, Sundays and holidays are just other work days to Amalgamated members, for service must be maintained. However, most Amalgamated contracts provide for full time rates for holidays, if not worked, and premium rates if worked.

### Three-Week Vacations

Three-week vacations are accepted practice for older employees in the local transit industry, with much progress being made toward securing four-week vacations.

We feel that as a service organization the Amalgamated Association has much in common with our own Brotherhood. And when it comes to service and benefits for its members within the sphere of its own union, we also find a parallel to what we also have tried to do. From 1895, this union has been paying funeral and disability payments. Up to December 31, 1952, the sum of \$30,975,603.64 had been paid to widows and children of deceased members. Payments now exceed \$120,000 per month.

Another service provided by the



Above: Schoolchildren are a special responsibility of the careful, professional drivers of the Amalgamated.



Above: Women bus drivers, introduced during war-time, are no longer novel albeit number has declined somewhat.



International organization to its members, is a fine monthly magazine, one of the best in the labor movement, *The Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator*. This official journal has been published continuously since 1895.

And that in brief, is the story of a great group of public servants and their union. There is much

that we have left untold for lack of space. We would like to bring to you many tales of human interest, of friendliness, of service performed by members of this union every day, over and above their steady performance of their job.

For example, in a large southern city last year, a bus driver was elected over many business and professional men, as "The Man of the Year." Among the courtesies attributed to him over and above



Above: During World War II, transit employees drove long hours and caught their rest whenever, wherever, possible.



Left: Gripman, center, engages cable on San Francisco's famous cable car while conductor gathers fares. Both are members of the Union.

driving his bus safely and on schedule, were his waking up passengers in the morning, picking up packages for them, getting prescriptions filled for sick patrons, and even minding children on his rounds—their mothers paying several fares and this driver acting as a travelling baby sitter. There is one old Negro woman in the cited driver's territory who will wait hours until his bus comes along and will go back home rather than ride with another driver when her friend is off duty.

### Drivers Are Friends

Yes, many bus drivers and street railway motormen are more than public servants, they are friends. We are proud to salute them and tell their story and the story of their fine union to our JOURNAL readers this month.

We urge support for them from all our members and offer our best wishes to the members and to their progressive officers for continued success.

We acknowledge with thanks the splendid cooperation of Mr. Roger Burgess, Editor of the *Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator*, in providing us with information and pictures for this article. Without his assistance it could never have been written.

Left: A cable car is stopped temporarily by a broken water main. Men may hang on sides; women may not.



# Editorial

by J. SCOTT MILNE, Editor

## The Peace We Seek

To quote a current saying, "Strange things are happening" in the Kremlin these days. Some peace overtures have been made and at least partially backed up with deeds, that have sown a small new seed of hope in war-weary hearts throughout the world. However, the free nations of the world and our own country in particular, stand with wary eye and tongue in cheek to await developments. We have had our hopes dashed to earth too many times, and optimistic, trusting people though we may be by nature, we have learned a few bitter lessons. We know that there is a difference between the peace that the Russians say they want and peace as we conceive it. And we know too that there is absolutely no evidence that Malenkov has abandoned the fundamental policies laid down by Lenin and Stalin, that the existence of communism demands the total destruction of capitalism, and that by aggression it needs be.

And so we watch and wait, and refuse to be lulled into a false sense of security by a little Soviet "sweet talk."

But, on the other hand, we can be proud of the position our Government has taken. It has opened the doors to all sincere peace gestures. It is ready and willing and eager to have peace—but it must be a real peace and not just a temporary absence of war. We cooperate and we hope against hope that this time the Kremlin *just might* be sincere.

And meanwhile our President has given one of the best speeches of this or any time which sets forth our policy clearly, forcibly. In it he outlined peace as we define it—the only peace we seek or can, as a nation that is both free and honorable, accept.

There have been points of policy on which we have not seen eye to eye with our President. We are sure there will be more—but on this issue we are with him 100 percent and proud of what he has said as the head of our Government and our chief policy maker.

In his address which was made before the American Society of Newspaper Editors and which has been hailed by leaders in many walks of life, including George Meany of the A.F. of L. and Walter Reuther of the C.I.O., as a "momentous" declaration of American foreign policy, our President set forth six main points for a lasting peace and a restoration of world order. Our people will have read

these in their local newspapers. We hope they read too, other things the President said that make us realize once again that any lasting peace has got to be a positive and not a negative peace. It must be not just a brief cessation of war, but a new kind of total war in which all nations unite, not against any human enemy but against the cruel powerful forces of poverty and need.

Our President said:

"Every gun that is made, every warship that is launched, every rocket fired, signifies—in the final sense—a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed . . .

"The peace we seek, founded upon a decent trust and cooperative effort among nations, can be fortified—not by weapons of War—but by wheat and by cotton, by milk and by wool, by meat, timber and rice.

"These are words that translate into every language on earth."

These words do translate into every language on earth. They are part and parcel of the language of the labor movement now, and we as trades unionists congratulate our President on the farsighted, humanitarian policy he has outlined, and pledge ourselves to back him and it, all the way.

To be sure the plan represents a dream—a dream not *easily* realized, but certainly not impossible. All the greatest, the finest, the best things on earth, like freedom and democracy, have not come easily. *But* they were born as dreams and backed up with determination, and faith, and courage, and perseverance, and hope, and work, lots of work.

And this dream—of the peace we seek—this too can come to pass. Pray God it will—in our time—for all time.

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## Giveaways

As your JOURNAL went to press there were a couple of "giveaway" programs highlighting our national news, which should be of extreme concern to the working people of this nation. As this editorial was being written, debate in the Senate on the "Offshore Oil" bill had been running for days with a staunch band of liberal Senators steadfastly fighting the battle of the public interest against state greed and the powerful oil lobby. The bill as it stands will give

away billions of dollars of the nation's offshore mineral resources to three states. Senators Herbert Lehman, Lister Hill, Clinton P. Anderson and Hubert Humphrey are spearheading the battle to defeat the bill. Senator Hill is the author of an amendment backed by organized labor to keep Federal control of the rich resources and allocate the revenue to aid to education.

We are glad that the citizens of this country have friends in Congress who have the welfare of *all* the people at heart and not just the interests of the special few, people courageous enough to stand up and defy the almost invincible oil lobby. We owe them our loyal support and we wish them success.

The second "Giveaway" danger current as our JOURNAL began to run was the movement under way to rob 90 million working people of part of the \$18 billion they have paid into the Social Security Trust Fund. As you know, one of the shortcomings of the Social Security Act which provides for pensions at age 65 and survivors benefits to families, is that there are still many—farmers, hired men on farms, professional people and those engaged in one-man enterprises, for example,—who are not covered under the act. When these people find themselves in need, they must be cared for under state aid programs, assisted by grants from the Federal Government. Last year five and one half million of these people were in need and it cost about \$2,250,000,000 to take care of them, and the Federal Government footed approximately half the bill. Now the scheme is being cooked up to alleviate Federal and state budgets by paying the bill out of the Social Security Trust Fund. And that isn't fair or just. That fund was contributed by people, proud to pay their own way, and they should get the full benefit of it.

Don't misunderstand us. We of the Electrical Workers would be the last people in the world to deprive aged persons and needy widows and children of help, but let the States and Federal Government pay for it as is their duty. The A.F. of L. has been urging Congress for 18 years, ever since the Social Security Act was inaugurated, to get these people insured, to get "universal coverage" under the act.

We believe in "universal coverage" and in Social Security for everybody, but it should be done in the right way, by proper legislation, with everyone covered and everyone paying in and subsequently everyone drawing out. BUT until that is done, then it is not fair to take the contributions of those under the act, who paid in, in good faith, and give it to others who never have paid one penny. It's like taking the money some persons have paid to insurance companies, to pay benefits to other people who have never taken out a policy or wished to be insured.

By all means, take care of our poor and needy, but let them be taken care of in the proper manner, from general tax funds and not from the retirement "savings" of the working people.

## ***The IBEW and the F.C.C.***

Our International President D. W. Tracy struck hard for the rights of our people in the radio and communications field, and for the safety of the American public, when he took issue in strong terms with the recent ruling of the Federal Communications Commission, which will permit radio transmitters to be operated by remote control without the presence of licensed operators.

In his charge, President Tracy declared:

"The Federal Communications commission is warned that serious consequences may result from the order, in terms of impairment of the national defense, widespread unemployment among licensed radio engineers, and reduction in the efficiency of the radio broadcasting system."

It is hoped that our International President's strong stand will awaken the members of the Commission to the full realization of what their action can entail, that they will reconsider and at least give our radio engineers a full opportunity to be heard, which up to this time they have arbitrarily refused to do.

Meanwhile the I.B.E.W. will continue to fight with all its power for the rights of its members and for the welfare of the public it has pledged itself to serve.

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## ***Cooperative Spirit***

Union work is hard work, but it is satisfying, compensating work and every now and again we experience an evidence of real Brotherhood so strong and impelling that it truly warms the cockles of the heart. Such was the case on a day shortly before your JOURNAL went to press.

For several months now, here on the pages of your monthly magazine, we have been telling the Silver Jubilee story—the appeal for loans to our Pension Plan in this its 25th Anniversary year, in order that it be stabilized and strengthened as completely as it is in our power to do so.

On April 9, 1953 we received a letter from Local Union 501, Yonkers, New York and a check for \$616.00, a donation to our Silver Jubilee Pension Fund. The members of this local voted to assess themselves one dollar yearly and *give* this money to our fund as a contribution—a contribution which is both a tribute to the oldtimers who founded and built this organization and who need their pensions, and as a tribute to the faith which they have in their International and what it is trying to do for all our members.

To say we are grateful to L. U. 501 is putting it mildly. We are grateful to them, for the money they have given, but much more for the real Brotherhood spirit behind their action. And we are proud, very proud, of the caliber of the men who make up this I.B.E.W. of ours and all they are doing everyday to build and preserve our union.

# MONEY *is His Hobby*

**Y**OU'D probably never think of calling our Vice President G. X. Barker a Numismatist, but that's exactly what he is—one who collects and studies coins. The collecting and study of various types of coins and money is one of the oldest and best known of all our "collecting" hobbies, probably second to none in the world save stamp collecting.

Brother Barker is quite well known among men and women who have made coin collecting their hobby, since he has a large collection which runs to thousand of items and he has many rare and unusual ones listed in numismatic circles as "real collectors' items."

Brother G. X. started his coin collection when he was only nine years old. He worked all day long in the fields picking cotton and received for pay a silver half-dollar which became the first coin in his now fabulous collection.

The earliest coins in Brother Barker's collection date back to 600 years before Christ and an examination of his coin cabinets brings the pageant of history before our eyes. There are coins with pictures and inscriptions of Cleopatra, Mark Anthony, Caesar, the Widow's Mite, Jewish shekel, the Roman Emperors, and the Leos of the Byzantine empire.

In the specimens of every century represented, there are Chinese coins dating from 500 B.C. to the present day.

In Brother Barker's foreign coin cabinets there are those with pictures of Charlemagne and every ruler from that time up until to-

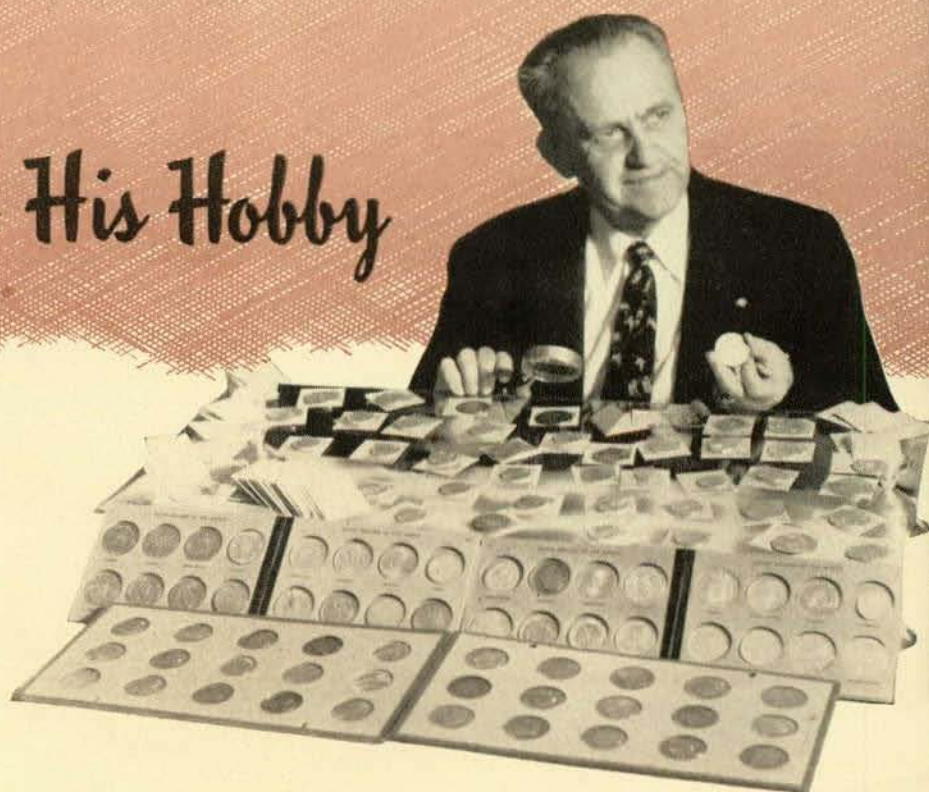
day. There are numerous foreign crowns (dollar size coins). Bohemian crowns struck in the year 1500 are generally recognized as being the direct ancestors of the dollars of the present day. One coin in Mr. Barker's collection which is well known in history and literature is the Spanish milled dollar in which our Continental Congress promised to pay its obligation and in failing to do so made the paper issues of the 13 colonies "not worth a Continental." This same dollar is the one referred to in Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" as "pieces of eight."

The history of American coinage is thoroughly covered in this section of Mr. Barker's collection. He has early Colonial coins struck by New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. There are the early George Washington pennies, in fact everything from the beginning of our first mint coinage up to present day proof and typesets. Other coin collectors would obtain much pleasure in examining the

early half-dimes, the 1796 uncirculated quarters and other rare specimens.

In his collection of gold coins, Brother Barker has a fine coverage. There are coins of the Roman empire, the Byzantine empire, and some real rarities among United States gold coins, including some from the mints of Charlotte, Dahlonega, Carson City and using Mormon gold, Georgia gold, California gold etc.

We asked Vice President Barker to tell us about some of the favorites in his collection, and about those which he considers the most rare. He said that the silver dollar size coins pictured here are perhaps the most rare, with the exception of the Hejaz and the Holy Roman Empire coin of King Ferdinand, which he considers the most important coins in his exhibit. Vice President Barker says that one of the most interesting coins in his collection is a Chinese dollar with an automobile stamped on it. He writes us, "It is the only coin I know of from any country, with



Vice President G. X. Barker pictured with part of his large collection of old and rare money.



Description of coins (from left by rows): Paraguayan, 1899, very rare; Guatemalan; Madras half pagoda; Comoro Islands, picturing weapons; New Zealand rarity in proof condition. 2nd row: Eritrea talari from 1918; the only dollar-sized Hejaz coin; Speyer of 1770 with fine engrav-

ing; Nuremburg from 1761; Regensburg from 1787 shows St. Peter in boat. 3rd row: Holy Roman Empire dated 1521-56; German New Guinea five marks; a United Nations coin struck 1946 and already scarce; a rare 1798 bust type U.S. dollar; rare Swiss 1851, in proof condition.

an automobile displayed as an emblem on it."

Another unusual coin in the collection is a Confederate half-dollar struck by the Confederate States during the Civil War. It has the Confederate States coat-of-arms on its reverse side, with the regular seated figure of Liberty on the obverse. Only a few of these coins are in existence.

Vice President Barker has several coins in his collection, from Peru, Chile, Argentina and Mexico, that have been counter-stamped. This means, in most cases, that some invader has captured the country or a portion of it and has

counter-stamped another emblem on the coin. There are also several coins in his exhibit known as "siege" coins—those struck by military leaders to pay troops while they were surrounded or cut-off by enemy forces where they could not bring money in. Most of these siege coins were struck by Spain, France and one or two by Mexico. Some of these coins are square in shape. However, most of them are round but are quite different from regular issues struck by the Government at that time.

Coin collecting is a fascinating hobby and those addicted to it never cease in their efforts to

locate segments missing from their series. At present Vice President Barker is most anxious to obtain the 1926-D and 1926-S, twenty-dollar gold pieces to add to his collection of United States coins. He has never been able to obtain these but will continue to try. Mr. Barker belongs to the American Numismatic Association, the American Numismatic Society and to the Atlanta Coin Club.

We are grateful to him and to his friend and fellow coin-collector, Ed Rosendahl, for the information and pictures for this latest article in our series on the hobbies of our members.

Right: Coin on left is gold solidus from Byzantine period (457-474 A.D.). Center is coin showing Emperor Theodosius (408-450 A.D.). Right coin shows Magnentius, whose rule of Holy Roman Empire is one of shortest; just a few days.





Men were trying wall murals before they had walls. This wild horse was a cave-man's pride.



Aztec artists told stories concerning history and religion in carvings done on temple walls.



This bison of paleolithic age was good likeness by early man, say scientists studying bones.

**T**HIS article is designed to bring you — just what it says — a little about art. Now you may think, what place has a story about art in the *ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL*. And the answer is just this. We who bring you your magazine monthly, are interested in electrical work, economic conditions, politics, to be sure, but we are also interested in everything that concerns our membership—and art is one of these things. Undoubtedly the most powerful influence in the world has been great writers, but great artists and great musicians run a close second, and so here in the pages of your *JOURNAL* from time to time, we want to bring to you stories about the arts and sciences and music. To begin with, a great many of our people are interested in these things. The cover of our February *JOURNAL* and the story of our member artist who painted it, brought forth a great show of interest among our membership and we found we had a good number of wiremen, manufacturing members, railroad men and others who like to paint and draw and many more, who though without special talent themselves, have an appreciation of art and the fine things of life.

No one can deny that the ability to see beauty in the things about us makes life more pleasant. Study of art is really a search for beauty and therefore helps us to get more enjoyment out of life. Of course, if we have talent and can help to create beauty, this adds even more to our enjoyment of life, but this

is not necessary. Anyone can enjoy the color in a beautiful landscape without painting a picture of it, and anyone can enjoy a beautiful statue without being a sculptor.

And so that is why we have a

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Right: Aboriginal Englishmen had a good time tattooing sun bursts and self-portraits on almost all of much-exposed bodies.

story on art in your *JOURNAL* and why we will have similar stories in the future. And that is why we have coupled this story with one about the National Gallery of Art, so that our people will know something of the storehouses of beauty and culture throughout our land. This one little story can't give much information but we hope it will be a stimulus—encouraging our people to learn more about art and thus enrich their lives.

Now an appreciation of art naturally brings a knowledge of the world's great artists and their paintings. There are thousands and every person who has ever tried to write anything about paintings and painters has had his favorites and has highlighted them. Books, thousands of pages thick, have been written on just one small period or on one limited



school of painting. History of art begins 5000 years ago with statues, vases, jewelry found buried on the banks of the Nile and with intricate and beautiful carvings and paintings found in the tombs of the Pharaohs of ancient Egypt.

But perhaps the best thumbnail sketch of art could begin in the 15th century and be described briefly by a mention of some of the most important artists of the various schools of painting.

Of all the artists in history, the Italians are perhaps the best known and the most prolific. It was the Italians who led the way for a revival of art in the world. Between the years 1200 and 1600 some of the finest pictures of all Europe were painted in Italy. There were so many fine Italian artists and so rich and complex a development of painting in Italy, that it is difficult even to indicate the high spots. The first school of painting to grow to importance in Italy was the Florentine. There in the thirteenth century artists like Giotto and Fra Angelico began to paint pictures of Christ and the saints that looked like real persons. They had form and beauty and the people of the day began to awake to the beauty of human beings and the world about them.

These early artists paved the way and taught techniques for other much more famous artists who were to follow—artists like Raphael and Michelangelo and Leonardo Da Vinci, Titian, Andrea del Sarto and Corregio.

The most famous painting in all the world is Leonardo Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*. Leonardo lived from 1452 to 1519 and is noted for his brilliance in science and mathematics and the study of anatomy, as well as for his sculpture and painting. He even invented a flying machine. While Leonardo, a fellow of impatient temper-

Perhaps the best-known of all modern American artists is this 92-year-old lady, "Grandma" Moses, who took up painting late in life as a hobby. Her works are very popular greeting cards.

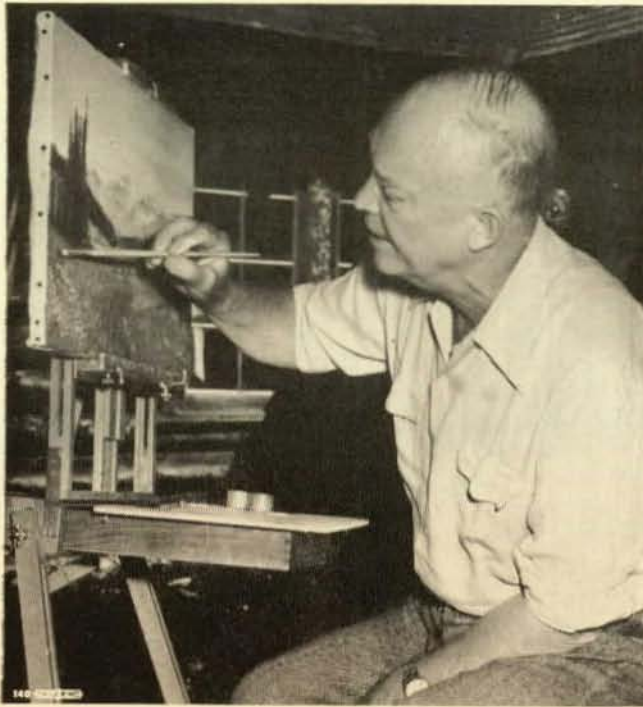


Above: Is it Michelangelo's art or simply Michelangelo? There is no dispute about the model but some declare it is a self-portrait while others say nay.

Left: Benjamin West, American artist born in 1738 treated himself fairly in this self-portrait.

Right: Deep, brooding tone of Rembrandt van Rijn is evident in his self-portrait which is part of the Mellon Gallery treasure.





Left: Leading amateur painter in America today will be easily recognized from campaign posters. President Eisenhower likes to relax in oils. He recently did golfer Bobby Jones' portrait.

Below: Another palette-conscious statesman is Winston Churchill, whose work has been kindly treated by leading art critics.



tion of all Western painting, and tourists from all over the world visit it yearly and admire the greatness of Michelangelo. And here is a little fact about this artist that has significance for us as Americans. The dome of our Capitol in Washington is a copy of the dome of St. Peter's Church in Rome, designed by Michelangelo.

We mentioned Titian above. Titian belonged to the Venetian School of Italian painting. He was a forceful artist and a master of rich color. He left many great masterpieces—one of which, his

*Battle of Lepanto*, he painted at the age of 98.

We cannot mention all the famous artists of the Italian school but we cannot pass over the great Raphael. Raphael is best known for his beautiful madonnas, especially his *Sistine Madonna* and his *Madonna of the Chair*. While Raphael acquired something of an ethereal quality in his work, his madonnas looked like real people, natural, approachable. His *Madonna of the Chair*, which is round in contour, was first sketched on the cover of a barrel and was inspired by a young peas-

ant mother playing with her two children.

For every painting and artist there is a story behind them, a fascinating story which delved into, makes art all the more interesting and enjoyable.

Currently, a brilliant moving picture is playing in our local movie houses—"Moulin Rouge," which was nominated for many Academy awards. The tragic story of Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, a great French artist, it makes his art a living, breathing, real thing. So it is with many paintings and the artists who did them. The study of art is interesting and rewarding.

But we must hurry on to bring you highlights from the art of other nations. We take you to Belgium and the School of Flemish paintings. The Italians painted bright sunny landscapes, ethereal peoples—they concerned themselves with religious and mythical subjects.

When we inspect the work of



Far left: Gauguin ate green apples before painting his self-portrait.



Left: Van Gogh's self-portrait is a possible product of hand-tremors.



Flemish, Dutch and German artists, we find a change. We find more realism, more character studies, and dark rich colors and tawny shades are evidenced in their work. This is understandable. The Italians are light-hearted people living in a warm, sunny climate. The

Flemish and Dutch are more practical people, living in a colder, harder climate. It is only natural then that these differences would be reflected in their art work. Jan van Eyck (1380-1440); Hieronymus Bosch (1450-1516); Pieter Bruegel (1525-1569); Roger van

der Weyden (1400-1464); Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640) and Anthony van Dyck (1599-1641) are the most famous artists of the Flemish School and Rubens is perhaps the most famous. He was not only a great master of painting but an enduring influence upon the art of the Western world.

In the German School the names of Albrecht Durer' (1471-1528) and Hans Holbein (1497-1543) stand out. You will remember we reproduced the famous drawing of Durer's "Praying Hands" on the November 1952 issue of our JOURNAL.

From Dutch artists have come some of the greatest portraits in the world. Frans Hals (1580-1666) had one of the world's most fluent brushes and he painted with a warm, adventurous spirit. Art has probably never found such a combination since Hals' time. *The Laughing Cavalier* is perhaps Hals' most famous work. It demonstrates the spirit we have tried to describe for you here.

Pieter De Hooch and Jan Vermeer have left some marvelous pictures to posterity but it is Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669) who is the best known of all Dutch artists. He is considered by many to be the greatest portrait artist of all time as well as the greatest master of light and shade. He was



Left: One of most famous Parisian galleries for contemporary artists is Petit Palais.



Below: A corridor in famous Louvre gallery, home of art masterpieces.



Below: Ferocity of boar hunt is change from Rubens' usual religious subjects done for churches.



Above: The Expression of Da Vinci's Mona Lisa became synonymous with enigma.



a great original artist following the style of no other painter. He handled paint with great feeling and freedom. The people of his day for the most part ignored his work but art lovers to time immemorial will acclaim it. *Man in Armor* is one of Rembrandt's most famous paintings.

Next we touch briefly the great Spanish School of Painting. In general we may say of the Spanish artists that they, like the Dutch, were realists. Their paintings are for the most part intense in feeling, dramatic and colorful and some so real that we feel that we can put out a hand and touch living flesh and material. Outstanding names in Spanish art are Velasquez, El Greco, Murillo and Goya. Velasquez's (1599-1660) most famous painting is perhaps *Venus and Cupid* or his portrait of Philip IV. El Greco (1545-1614) is considered a mystic painter, concerned more with spiritual expression than natural beauty. His subjects were chiefly religious.

Murillo (1617-1682) is best known for his *Immaculate Conception*, and Goya for his portraits of



Never too young, these budding artists are far cry from Grandma Moses. They look at display of "works" of children's class.

Charles IV and members of his family.

When we consider French painting we must consider that of two phases—that considered the French School of Painting proper, and that period of the 19th century in which the French Impressionists dominated the art world and brought about a minor revolution in painting.

Students of the French school talk of the work of Watteau, Nattier, Chardin, Boucher, Perroneau, Greuze, Fragonard, Madame Le Brun, Corot, Millet and Muenier. When it comes to artists and their abilities, there are as many opinions as there are persons to express

them, but perhaps Corot, Millet and Watteau might be considered the most famous artists of the French school. Corot (1796-1875) is considered one of our greatest landscape painters. He was one artist who attained great popularity in his own day and his landscapes were much in demand. *The Bridge of Trysts* and *Harp of the Winds* are two of his works familiar to many.

Millet (1814-1875) is one artist who has endeared himself to the working people of the world for he had worked in his father's fields and he knew and loved workers. *The Angelus*, *Man With the Hoe* and *The Reapers* are some of his most famous works.

Now about the French Impressionists and Post-Impressionists. This is a school of painting which has always had a special fascination for the writer of this article. In the 1870's a group of young French artists began to work from a different point of view than any of their predecessors. It was the fashion in England and France in that time to paint historical pictures and few scenes of everyday, contemporary life were transmitted to canvas. The French artists known as Impressionists found new beauty in their immediate surroundings—they made new experiments in light and color. They caught on their brushes things seen at a glance. As a result their pictures often lacked form and to

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Above: School kids from New York make sketches on the floor of Metropolitan Art Museum.

Right: The entrance to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, an important address to all artists.



# THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART



**A**T FOURTH and Constitution Avenue on the historic Mall stands the National Gallery of Art. Two million visitors a year come to this "American Louvre" in the heart of the nation's capital to see for themselves the 20,000 art masterpieces on display in the beauti-

ful and most modern of all leading national art galleries.

Entering from the Mall, the visitor steps into the high-domed Rotunda, modeled on the Pantheon of second century Rome. East and west halls from the Rotunda open into some 100 exhibition galleries

This portrait of the donor of the National Gallery of Art, Andrew W. Mellon, was painted by Oswald Birley, a British artist. It was given to the Gallery by Mrs. Mellon Bruce. Mellon was a patron of the arts.



of the best in European and American painting. Objects of French and Italian sculpture (including the famed "Mereury" of Bologna) are displayed in halls, garden courts, Rotunda and galleries. The ground floor contains exhibits of decorative arts and auxiliary collections of American and Italian paintings, as well as contemporary art. The collection of prints and drawings housed at the Gallery includes some 17,000 examples from the 15th century to the present time.

Two restful garden courts ending the east and west halls have flowers and plants surrounding the same fountains which once pleased Louis XIV in his strolls through the gardens of Versailles. Architecture of the \$15,000,000 rose-white marble structure designed by John Russell Pope, is serene and subdued throughout in the classical tradition so as not to disturb or detract in any way from the enjoyment of the art masterpieces on display in the five-and-one-half acres of exhibit space.

This up-to-date, efficiently oper-



View of the Gallery taken from the Archives Building which shows the Seventh Street and Constitution Avenue facades. The completely air-conditioned building has no windows. Capitol dome is seen in background.

ated National Gallery represents a milestone in the development of national museums.

Art museums themselves are a product of modern ages with roots being found first in the Renaissance. In general, art in its various forms in ancient times and continuing through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance was a part of everyday life, enhancing temples and churches, public buildings, palaces and public gardens in a natural expression of the beauty for which the human soul had always yearned. Those who could afford it of course, made private collections of art and sculpture to beautify their homes and gardens. The first national gallery in the modern sense was that created on Christmas Day in 1471, when Pope Sixtus IV gave the Roman people his works of art housed at the Campidoglio.

It was during the Renaissance with its emphasis on the relics of classical antiquity that man began extensive collections for the sake of preserving these objects of art. The new curiosity of the times added objects connected with natural history and with science to the art collections of nobles and humanists of the 16th and 17th centuries. These semi-scientific collections formed the beginnings of some of the great museums of today. It was not until the 18th cen-

tury, however, that the founding of national art galleries spread throughout Europe. Following the example of Napoleon, who created the Musée Napoleon from art works formerly owned by the crown, many nations set up galleries from the basis of art objects gathered in earlier times by royal or noble families.

Although the arts at first found their way into American museums as an appendage to natural history collections, a series of large exhibitions such as the Crystal Palace in 1851 fostered the idea of a permanent exposition devoted solely to the fine arts. In the 1890's members of Congress and prominent architects supported such a project for Washington, D. C., but this plan never materialized. Soon art objects from some of the best collections in Europe, now owned by private collectors in this country, were donated to establish public galleries in the larger cities of the United States.

Since the capital still lacked a really adequate public gallery, the Smithsonian Institution established a commission of artists and laymen to raise money by private subscription. Congress in 1923 reserved the site on the Mall opposite the Archives Building for the proposed National Gallery. Then Andrew W. Mellon took the step which actually created the long-sought dream. He



Painting by Goya, The Marquessa de Pontejos, is beautiful sample of Spanish artist's work.

gave to the people of the United States his invaluable art collection, funds to construct the National Art Gallery, and a \$5,000,000 endowment fund for maintenance purposes. A board of trustees to operate the gallery as a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution was set up and includes the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary of State, of the Treasury, and of the Smithsonian Institution and five distinguished private citizens.

In 1937 the erection of the National Gallery was begun on the

former site of Tiber Creek, later the Washington City Canal. (Until 1907 this section of the Mall had held the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Depot where on the morning of July 2, 1881 President Garfield was fatally shot.)

Opened to the public March 17, 1941, the Gallery has continued to be enriched by art donations valued in the many millions of dollars given by Joseph E. Widener, Samuel H. Kress, Lessing J. Rosenwald and many others, and by the indefinite loan of the Chester Dale collection. Today, the National Gallery of Art, comparable in quality of exhibits with the renowned

brant, glowing colors against backgrounds of burnished gold.

Florentine, Venetian and Central Italian paintings of the 15th and early 16th century add to religious art, secular subjects such as portraits which adorned villas and palaces. Examples of the first use of oils in coloring are represented. Here can be seen the wonderfully graceful "Adoration of the Magi," of Botticelli, the tanner's son whose painting came to be the "most perfect flowering of the spirit of neo-classicism." Here is the moving "Crucifixion" done by the great Perugino, teacher of that most beloved artist, Raphael. And

from the brush of Raphael himself are masterpieces covering the major phases of his artistic development. Illustrative of his Roman period is the lovely "Alba Madonna," perhaps the most famous painting here. Andrew Mellon paid more than \$1,000,000 for this work alone when he purchased it with other objects of art from the Hermitage Gallery in St. Petersburg where Russian Tsars had once admired its beauty.

The Golden Age of Venetian painting shines out in Giorgione's "Adoration of the Shepherds," (Reproduced on our JOURNAL Christmas Cover in 1950.) While Titian, the greatest exponent of High Renaissance art in Venice, is seen in all his richness in his "Venus with a Mirror" and "Venus and Adonis."

In five galleries of Flemish and German art are finely detailed religious works portraying the deep piety of 15th century Flanders. In the radiance of an improved oil technique, are "jewel-like" paintings created by such masters as Jan Van Eyck, Peter Christus, Hans Memling and Gerard David.

Dutch painting of the 17th century, providing striking contrast to the "grand manner" of por-



Art students admire greatly The Alba Madonna by Raphael, which can be seen by visitors.



Left: The White Girl by Whistler, not as well known as his painting of his mother, is considered to be one of his best.

Below: Sunday concert in garden court by Gallery orchestra is always a well-attended event.

museums of the old world, is an art center that all Americans can be proud of.

The artist or student may trace in the exhibit rooms the magnificent history of Italian art from the 13th through the 18th century. One may stand in awe before the majestic "Madonna and Child" of Giotto, the shepherdboy-genius who laid the foundations of Florentine art. Here can be seen in profusion the work of Tuscan master-craftsmen of tempera on wood. Preserving their art with a preparation of glue and plaster (gesso) these masters created sublime expressions of Christian art in vi-





Bologna's bronze figure of Mercury surmounts a fountain in the second-floor rotunda.

traiture of Rubens and Van Dyck, records in realistic effects the details of everyday life. Two entire galleries hold paintings of the greatest genius among Dutch artists and one of the most prolific artists the world has known, Rembrandt van Rijn. The development of this master of light and shade can be traced from his early works "Saskia" and "The Polish Nobleman" to the last phase when, ill and lonely in his poverty, he painted the superb "Lady with a Fan."

Spanish and French painting of the 17th and 18th centuries is represented by among others, genre and religious scenes of Murillo, canvases of Watteau and Poussin, landscapes of Claude Lorrain and by the simpler work of Chardin. Here is the severe study for the portrait of Innocent X done by Diego Valesquez, the Sevillian master who, on a commission of 20 ducats a month, became the favorite court painter of Philip IV and portrayed with a truthful brush the princes of mid-seventeenth century Spain. And the famous, black-eyed "Marquesa de Pontejos," done by Goya while under the influence of Gainsborough, hangs here, secured by Andrew Mellon for a sum of \$1,000,000 after a

Below: Rembrandt's "Portrait of Lady with Ostrich Fan" is from the Weidener Collection.



trans-Atlantic telephone conversation with an official in Madrid.

Nineteenth century French painting can be thoroughly studied in a number of galleries. Here are landscapes from the master brush of Corot, such as "The Forest of Fontainebleau" and "A View Near Volterra." Canvases of Impressionists and Post-Impressionists such as Degas, Renoir, Manet, Gaughin and Cezanne, as well as Mary Cassatt, the distinguished American closely associated with the Impressionist movement, are displayed.

Examples of formal British portraiture are hung in galleries against Georgian settings similar to rooms for which they were originally done. From the studios of the famous 18th century rivals, Thomas Gainsborough, the son of a wool manufacturer who became a foundation member of the Royal Academy, and Sir Joshua Reynolds, first president of the Royal Academy, are two of the most appealing portraits ever painted. In a white dress with a blue sash is Reynolds's "Lady Caroline Howard" at the age of seven. Mrs. Richard Sheridan, the foremost beauty of

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Below: The French artist Corot specialized in landscapes. This View Near Volterra on exhibit at Gallery is one of his finest.



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appreciate them they had to be viewed at a distance.

Edward Manet (1832-1883) was the first Impressionist of note. Others were Monet, Sisley, Pissarro, Renoir and Degas. This latter is noted especially for his beautiful and interesting impressions of the ballet. It was the post-Impressionists, however, following the same style, only in a more erratic way that have left the greatest mark on comparatively modern painting. Of these, Cezanne, Gauguin and Van Gogh are the best known. Of all the artists the world has known, the moods, the violence, the impulses, the revolts of Vincent Van Gogh (1852-1890) are perhaps most familiar to art students. One of Van Gogh's best known paintings is a portrait of himself which shows him with a bandage on his ear. One day he visited a Paris brothel and one of the girls suggested in a jest that she would like one of his ears as a present. He immediately amputated his ear and handed it to her. That was Vincent Van Gogh, the man. Van Gogh, the artist, has left a large repertoire of brilliant, original and unusual masterpieces.

Now for a few words on English painting. Easel painting developed far later in England than in any other great European country. Because many early paintings were concerned with scenes of religion, during the time of the reformation, many were destroyed and painting and sculpturing was frowned upon.

When we refer to British painting, the following artists come to mind: William Hogarth (1697-1764), Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792) who incidentally was first president of the British Royal Academy, Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788), George Romney (1734-1802), Henry Raeburn (1756-1823), George Morland (1763-1804), Thomas Lawrence (1769-1830), J. M. W. Turner (1775-1851), John Constable (1776-1837), Edwin Landseer (1802-1873), George Watts (1817-

1904), Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828-1882), William Yeames (1835-1918).

All these artists were masters in their own right. It would be difficult to select the greatest. Gainsborough's *Blue Boy* is considered after Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* to be the most popular painting in the world, and because of its popular appeal, one of the most valuable.

J. M. W. Turner has been cited as an artist of great range and vision. He is as well known for his water colors as for his oils.

Now, as we come at length to the American School of painting, it is James McNeil Whistler (1834-1903) who dominates the scene. His *Little White Girl* is perhaps his finest painting, but his *Portrait of My Mother* is best known to Americans everywhere.

Other famous American artists are Winslow Homer (1836-1910), Thomas Eakins (1844-1916), John Singer Sargent (1856-1925), and George Bellows (1882-1925).

All can learn to know and appreciate art. They must be exposed to it, read, visit art galleries, learn the stories behind the pictures and behind the man with the brush.

And then too, you might try your hand at creating art. No talent you say? Have you tried? Until you've tried you cannot dismiss the possibility that you have hidden talent. "I can't draw a straight line," is a common complaint. There were many famous artists who couldn't draw a straight line either. Pictures aren't usually made up of straight lines.

I should like to pass on to you a little incident which proves the point we're trying to make here, that there are many potential artists who never try their hand with brush or sculpting knife because they believe they have no talent.

Some years ago I visited a USO Club one night when crafts were being featured. A young Chinese soldier was encouraged to try his hand at soap carving. "I wouldn't know how—I've never tried," the

boy said. But the hostess in charge assured him they were all beginners and he decided to try his luck. His finished product was an exquisite little horse, perfect in design and showing unbelievable grace and action. The boy was delighted. "I never knew I could do it," he said. Today that boy is rapidly growing in stature as a well-known sculptor.

How about you? Do you have hidden talent? Art is a relaxing hobby. Some well known leaders whose lives are full of stress and strain find peace and relaxation in painting. Two of these are Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower. The first has had painting for a hobby for many years and has many quite good pictures to his credit. But our President never tried his hand until after World War II. Watching Thomas Stephens, a New York artist, do a portrait of Mrs. Eisenhower, he became so interested he decided to try his hand. He borrowed a brush and some paints from Stephens and whipped up a portrait of Mamie that is now one of Stephens' most prized possessions.

Yes, our President has painting for his hobby as do thousands of lesser citizens of our country including movie stars, opera singers, grocery store clerks, bank tellers, race track jockeys, ministers, electrical workers and persons from every walk of life. Each year in New York, the International Ladies Garment Workers holds an exhibition of paintings done by their members, and people from near and far come to view it. This year the Seafarers International Union is holding its second annual art contest. Last year, 80 members entered pictures. In this creative outlet, workers find peace and beauty. So can you. And you are never too old. Grandma Moses was in her eighties when she began to paint and she has amassed a small fortune from her paintings and cards and other objects copied from them. Explore art either as a creative artist or an appreciative onlooker. You'll get more out of life.

# With the Ladies



## Of Roots and Wings

**R**ECENTLY a well-known mother of a large family of outstanding children, made a speech before a PTA group. She said that she thought the most important thing to remember about raising children, was to give them "roots" and "wings."

And mothers, that advice is sound. We all want our children to grow up healthy, happy, well-balanced individuals who will get much out of life and who will also put much into it. They need help, however. Teachers, friends, relatives, pastors, all can help. But the greatest help along the way of life—for any child—should come from his mother.

Okay? Now what about these "roots" and "wings" we should give our children. Well—here is the way I interpret their meaning.

### A Child Needs Roots

Giving a child roots, means actually rooting him to the earth—making him the kind of individual strong enough and healthy enough to stay on this earth and at the same time giving him emotional strength and ability and knowledge, so that he will want to stay on this earth and get a big bang out of life. The first ill wind of adversity can't blow him away. Now what does this involve? First of all, giving your child the best possible health, teaching him health habits that will continue with him through life. We haven't space in one short article to outline a full

health plan, but here are high spots to be remembered.

See that your child gets plenty of nourishing food. Teach him when he is small to eat all kinds of food. Do you know that most people acquire antipathies toward certain foods because their parents have those same dislikes? In our recipe box this month we have listed the foods a child should have every day to be completely nourished.

Now about health habits. Teach your child to bathe daily. Make bathing the little tot fun, and he will grow up enjoying his bath. Teach children care of teeth and hair and skin. Every mother wants her daughter to grow up beautiful. Well then, mother, help her to be beautiful by seeing that she has proper nourishment and care as a child and learns to care for herself properly as she grows to young womanhood.

Take your children regularly to their doctor and dentist for check-ups and impress the importance of these visits on them so that they will continue them after they leave home and you.

### Training Makes Roots

Next, the roots we give our children are vitally concerned with the education and training they receive.



To be happy, normal, likeable individuals, they must have regard for the rights and feelings of others, know how to get along with people and have all the rudiments of good manners. It's up to you to teach them, mothers. Sure, it's a big job, but raising children properly is the biggest and most important job in the

world. Don't ever forget that and then you can't help but do a good job.

We wish we had room for lots of pointers but since we don't let us just remind ourselves that good example is the best teacher and that the golden rule has never been surpassed as a rule of conduct. Teach your children to live by the golden rule. Remember a little while back we told you about the little girl who said "I want to be just like my mother when I grow up?" Lots of little girls feel that way. Be worthy of their trust.

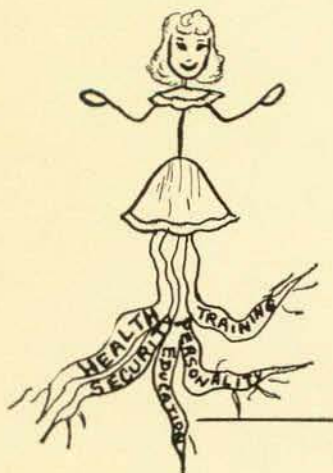
Now about education—give them all of the best you can. Money, looks, health, can all be lost—a good education never. And remember in these days of keen competition, the boy or girl with the most education and training is going to get the breaks.

### Teach Children To Do

And about that training — teach your children to do things. Helpless people may be appealing, but the ones who know how to do things are the ones who get ahead.

Teach your girls to cook and sew and keep house. Get Dad to teach the boys things about carpentry and household repair—how to change a tire or do a paint job. Encourage them to take courses—courses in **any** thing. The more they know and the more they can do, the happier, more valuable citizens they will become.

The last root we'll mention, is the root of security. Let your children know that you love them and let them



know that you and dad love and respect each other (avoid quarrels and criticism in the presence of your children). A sense of "belonging" and being "wanted" is a child's strongest need and will be one of the most important factors in his growing up a happy, well-balanced individual with no signs of a neurosis.

We've talked so much about "roots," there's not much space left for "wings."

The "wings" we give our children are the little extra things that make life beautiful and worthwhile and grand—that make them glad every day of their lives that they were born—and moreover—that they were born to you.

### Give Them Faith

Perhaps the greatest source of "wings" comes from religion. Teach your children early that there is a God who loves them and cares for them and hears their every prayer. Let them know that whatever sorrow or pain comes to them here on earth, that it is temporary and that a glorious life of happiness awaits them in paradise. Take your children to church. Let them build associations that will accompany them all through life. Teach them when young about this source of strength and help that it may aid and encourage them through all their life.

That's the most important wing. But there are others. In giving your children "roots" never lose sight of the wings—the ethereal things that make life so wonderful. Encourage them to have hobbies. Introduce them to the remarkable world of books—read to them and with them. See that life is not all procedure and training but full of pleasures too. Plan surprises and outings for your children. Never, never, never let life become colorless for them. Don't forget about patriotism—the child who has a love of country, a knowledge of what freedom and democracy mean—will never fall heir to the "isms" that are warping the young people of some other countries and some of our own young people. While teaching your children practical things, also encourage them to dream. Help them to know nature and song and art, for of these, and of dreams and of love, wings are made.

Roots and wings—yours to give. Give them!

See you next month!



## Body Builders



We talked about our children this month on "our" page and about giving them "roots" and "wings."

Part of giving your child "roots" is seeing that he is properly nourished, that he gets the foods and vitamins to give him a strong, healthy body and help him to attain manhood with health and stamina and vitality as perfect as you can build them with the right kind of nourishing foods.

Remember the perfect daily diet for children includes the following:

- One quart of milk
- Two servings of fresh fruit, tomato or the citrus juices
- One or more servings of fresh or cooked green, orange, yellow or red vegetables
- One serving of a vitamin-carrying starchy vegetable such as potato, sweetpotato, brown or wild rice
- At least one egg
- One serving of fresh meat or fish, including liver, tripe or kidney, at least twice a week
- Whole-grain cereal, whole-grain or enriched bread with butter twice

Now for some body-building recipes that will help you to practice what we preach!

### CREAM OF POTATO SOUP

- 4 large potatoes
- 1 tall can evaporated milk
- $\frac{1}{2}$  Onion, cut fine
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  quarts water
- 2 teaspoons salt

Pare and dice potatoes. Add onion, water and salt. Boil until tender. Drain, saving water, and mash potatoes. Combine potato water and milk and heat to boiling. Add mashed potatoes; blend thoroughly. Serves six to eight.

### PEPPERS STUFFED WITH MACARONI

- 6 green peppers
- 1 cup cooked tomatoes
- 1 cup cooked elbow macaroni
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- $\frac{1}{2}$  pound American cheese, grated
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt

Cut slice from top of each pepper and cook in boiling salted water five minutes. Drain. Mix remaining ingredients, saving one third of cheese for top. Fill peppers and sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes. Serves six.

### BAKED LIVER

- 2 pounds beef or pork liver
- 2 tablespoons catchup
- (1 thick piece)
- 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 onion, sliced
- Salt and pepper
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- Hot water

Place liver in greased baking dish and cover with bacon slices. Add remaining ingredients, using enough hot water to nearly cover liver. Cover and cook in slow oven (350° F.) about one and one half hours. Remove cover for last 15 minutes to brown bacon slices. Serves six.

Following are two body-builders in the way of sweets which will delight the youngsters.

### BROWN SUGAR CRISPS

- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups (15-ounce can) sweetened condensed milk
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup brown sugar
- 3 cups corn flakes

Blend sweetened condensed milk and brown sugar thoroughly in double boiler. Cook over boiling water 10 minutes or until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and add corn flakes, mixing thoroughly. Drop from teaspoon about one inch apart onto greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 10 minutes or until brown. Remove from pan at once. Makes 24.

### FLOATING ISLAND PUDDING

- 5 eggs
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt
- $1\frac{3}{4}$  teaspoons vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar
- 1 quart milk, scalded

Beat three egg yolks and two whole eggs slightly. Add sugar and salt, mix well and add hot milk gradually, stirring constantly. Cook in double boiler until it coats the spoon, stirring constantly. Add one teaspoon vanilla. Pour into large pan. Beat remaining egg whites until foamy; beat in additional six tablespoons sugar gradually. Add remaining vanilla. Drop meringue, using large spoon, onto hot custard, cover pan closely until mixture is cool, then chill. Serves eight.

## Banquet Honors New Journeymen

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Officers of Local No. 1 joined with representatives of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association on March 11, to present certificates of completion of training to 19 members of the union who finished their apprenticeship and have become full-fledged journeymen electricians. The ceremony was a banquet honoring the new journeymen in the ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton in St. Louis.

The dinner and ceremonies honoring the men is an annual event. The officers of Local No. 1 believe this extra honor bestowed on the new journeymen helps boost their morale as they start out the next day as full-fledged journeyman electricians.

As usual, the committee had as special guests men and women who are leaders in the field of labor and industry. At this ceremony, there were heads of government apprentice training agencies, school principals and teachers, representatives of industry and labor organizations and the mothers and fathers of the graduates.

The consensus was that it was a wonderful evening!

Local No. 1 will join other St. Louis local unions in entertaining the local unions of the 11th Vice Presidential District at the regional meeting in St. Louis in July. We'll be looking for-

# Local Lines

## NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

### Principal Speaker



V. C. Brennan, Vice President of the Union Electric Co. of Missouri in charge of public relations and personnel, was the banquet's principal speaker.

ward to this event and to the annual attendance of the delegates.

The St. Louis *Globe Democrat*, the morning daily newspaper of St. Louis runs a column called major events that happened 25 years ago and 50 years ago today. On the 20th of March under the 50-year heading they mentioned that on that date 50 years ago union electrical workers (now Local No. 1) went on strike on the Worlds Fair job because one of their members had been given a two weeks layoff because he had lost his identification badge. Here we are 50 years later still fighting the same old bug-a-boo, the identification badge. We won't wear I.D. badges except on Government jobs for security reasons.

FRANK KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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### Medical Department For N. Y. Members

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—The

## Graduation Ceremonies in St. Louis



Graduating apprentices of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo., pose with their local officers at the banquet in their honor at the Hotel Sheraton recently. In top row, from left: Adolph Fremder, contractor member of the local NECA chapter, and a member of the joint apprenticeship and training committee; George Apel, area supervisor, Bureau of Apprenticeship of the U. S. Department of Labor; John O'Shea, president of Local 1; Ed Redemeier, business manager, Russell Vierheller, secretary and business manager of the local NECA chapter, and chairman of the joint apprenticeship committee; H. Lee Bruns, secretary of Local 1's executive board, and secretary of the joint apprenticeship committee. Center row, from left: Graduates Chester Wittick Jr., Ralph Persels Jr., Donald Kopff, William Hill, Leo Dougherty, John Decker, Peter Sertick and Maurice Schario. First row, from left: Graduate Herbert Pfingston; Instructors Walter Proske and Ray Lancaster, International Vice President Frank W. Jacobs who was master of ceremonies at the dinner; and Graduates Robert Hartwig, Harlan Murray, Austin McCormick and Clarence Daskoski. Other young men awarded their certificates in absentia, as they are now in the U. S. Armed Forces, are Theodore R. Metzger, Eugene Myers, Robert N. Schroeder, Bobby G. Walters, Roland Weber and William H. Williams.

## Guests at St. Louis Graduation



At the head table of the banquet, with NECA Secretary Russell Vierheller at the microphone, are: Lee Bruns, Adolph Fremder, George Apel, Warren K. Begeman (director of technical education, St. Louis Board of Education); John O'Shea; Ansel Cleary (assistant director of the U. S. Bureau of Apprenticeship Training); Frank W. Jacobs; V. C. Brennan (public relations representative of Union Electric Company, principal speaker at banquet); Ed Redemeier; Clifford J. Hervey (president, St. Louis chapter, NECA); Joseph C. "Bud" Payne, executive secretary, St. Louis AFL Building Trades Council); Edward Simon (president, joint council of apprenticeship training committees of St. Louis); Bill Damon (director of Apprenticeship Training, U. S. Labor Department in Washington D. C.); "Gus" Loepker, executive board member of Local 1, and member joint apprenticeship training committee). Unavoidably absent from photo is the third contractor member of the Electricians Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, John Ledbetter.



Toastmaster of the evening was International Vice President Frank W. Jacobs, who at last year's ceremonies was awarded his apprentice completion certificate, earned in 1917.

Pension Committee of the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry of New York City has unveiled the latest addition to its welfare plans with the announcement of the opening of the Medical Department on April first. This department is equipped with the latest word in equipment for diagnostic and preventative medicine. This comes as a follow through on our Hospitalization and Surgical Aid Plan and our dental department both of which have been and are functioning perfectly and with wonderful results.

To quote from the committee's letter to the members: "These clinicians will be aided by the best of modern medical equipment. Your Health Department will have three main func-

tions: (1) to prevent sickness, (2) to find out what is wrong when sickness occurs, (3) to make suggestions regarding treatment. Every effort will be made to cooperate with your family physician in the diagnosis and treatment of illness."

The Pension Committee has done a wonderful job in constantly improving the pension and welfare plans for the benefit of the members and is worthy of and receives the thanks and admiration of all the members. We are sure that this committee, composed of equal numbers of contractor and union representatives would be the last to suggest that they had reached the end of the road.

In our April letter we referred to an article in *Readers Digest* for February 1953 as a source of information as to how a very drastic new anti-union law had been passed in the State of Texas. We forgot to give the name of the article. The name is: "DO YOU KNOW YOUR STATE'S SECRET BOSS?" and is just what the caption says it is, "The shocking story of invisible government—and what the honest citizen can do about it." It is a story of the lobbies, particularly those that have a stranglehold on many of our state legislatures. We all know there are lobbies and then there are LOBBIES. The latter for the most part are out to get legislation that benefits the few at the expense of the many.

As stated in the article, there is legitimate lobbying wherein groups interested, either for or against, in legislation use their strength as a group to present their views to the lawmakers or to inform the public of possibly dangerous legislation.

We believe with the writer of the



Clifford Hervey, a former journeyman of Local 1 and now Vice President of the Livingstone Electric Co. and President of the St. Louis NECA, addresses the apprentices.

article that this could be remedied, at least in part, by reducing the number of legislators and paying those that remain a salary sufficient to put them beyond the temptation of selling themselves for the necessities of life. That done, then the sessions should take such time as may be necessary to do the states business without arbitrary dates for adjournment. Much more could be said on this subject but we refrain because if you are interested you will look into your local situation yourself and start to do something about it. The others will do nothing until either it is too late or until they feel it personally. Then they will roar, "Why didn't someone tell me?" God bless you all.

FREDERICK V. EICH, P.S.

## Local 8 Keglers in Annual Tournament

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO.—Just a few lines to let other locals know that Toledo will be well represented in the Ninth Annual I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament, May 9th and 10th to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana this year. We had a very successful bowling season this year and will send all eight teams as usual to the tournament.

Preter Electric last year in the I.B.E.W. Bowling Tournament held in Louisville, Kentucky won first place and will be defending their title this year. The boys who worked so hard to bring this honor to Toledo are Eddie Hein, Joe Karpinski, Otto Schultz, Johnny Holden and Captain Marlow Bubb.

Our officers of Local 8 bowling league are Eddie Ayling, president, Len Schultz, vice president, Jim Burns, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

We'll be seeing you fellows.

I am enclosing a picture of Preter Electric bowling team that won first place at Louisville last year and their trophies. Reading from left to right: Captain Marlow Bubb, Johnny Holden, Joe Karpinski, Eddie Hein, Otto Schultz.

JIM BURNS, JR.,  
Bowling Secretary.

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## Local 17 Honors Retired Brother

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—On the evening of February 26, 1953, 176 members and friends of the Detroit Overhead Lines Social Club gathered at the Linkage Club to wish Brother Richard (Dick) Craven many happy years of retirement. The evening started off with a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings served family



This team of bowlers from Local 8, Toledo, Ohio, took first place in the tournament in Louisville last year. They are named in the local's accompanying letter.

style. Jack Drummond, superintendent of overhead lines of the Detroit Edison Company presented Dick with a retiree's ring, service pin and identification card. Harry Snyder presided as master of ceremonies and presented Dick on behalf of his friends, with a beautiful picnic table, \$70.00 in cash and a lovely floral basket for Mrs. Richard Craven. Business Manager Al Simpson, brought the good wishes of Local 17 and did some reminiscing. About 25 years ago Dick Craven worked for Al Simpson when Al was a line foreman. Al has a keen memory and mentioned some episodes which were very humorous and were appreciated by the group.

Dick Craven worked for the Detroit Edison Company for 34 years. He has a family of four girls, two of whom are married. Dick has one grandson and two granddaughters. Dick plans on taking a trip to California to visit some friends and take

in the various scenic trips on the way to California. Dick is an ardent gardener and his flower garden is one of the beauty spots in his area. In between times Dick states that he will try to do some fishing. Frank Carol, Archie Carrier, Frank Donahue, Roy Pettibone, and Bill Schleicher were some of the old timers who turned out to honor Dick Craven. Frank Carol was the oldest retiree present and he is 82 years young. Dick extended a hearty invitation to everyone to visit him and help him enjoy his picnic table in his yard.

Our Assistant Business Manager, Ole Jensen, has served as chairman of Local 17 blood bank for the past seven years. He has done an excellent job and this blood bank of ours has been a life-saving project for many of our members. Our supply is becoming low and more donors are needed. The Red Cross is sending mobile units to the outlying sections of metropolitan Detroit to gather blood. This is an opportunity for our members living in these areas to make their contribution. When making your contribution state that it is for Local 17's Blood Bank. After making your contribution notify Ole Jensen. You or a member of your family may need this precious blood.

Local 17 had a St. Patrick's Dance on March 21, 1953. A good time was had by those attending. The committee responsible for the success of this party are as follows: George Morgan and Dave Peet as co-chairmen, assisted by Clarence Conger, William Tamagne, and Robert Yeargen.

JULIUS OTTEN, P.S.

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## Los Angeles Member Awarded 25-Year Pin

L. U. 18, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Enclosed you will find a picture show-

## Local 18 Member Honored



Brother Blaine Ramsey of Local 18, Los Angeles, Calif., receives his 25-year service pin from the local's Business Manager. Shown, left to right, are: Brother Art Burns; Brother and Mrs. Ramsey, and Business Manager E. P. Taylor.

## Honor Record Graduating Class



The largest group of graduates to date were honored at commencement exercises and a dance by Local 25, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, N. Y. Here, International Representative Ted Naughton and the members of the Joint Apprenticeship Board (wearing boutonnières) pose with the graduates.

ing Brother Blaine Ramsey being presented with a 25-year pin.

The picture was made on the occasion of Brother Ramsey's retirement from the Department of Water and Power of this City. With him in the picture are Mrs. Ramsey and Brother Art Burns who is in charge of pole-spotters for the department.

Brother Ramsey was initiated February 29, 1928 and was a line foreman with the Department of Water and Power. However, for many years, he has worked as a pole-spotter.

The officers and members of Local Union 18 wish him many years in which to enjoy his earned retirement.

E. P. TAYLOR, B.M.

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### Record Group of New York Graduates

**L. U. 25, NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.**—Our Joint Apprenticeship Committee sponsored commencement exercises and a dinner dance to honor the largest group of graduates from our apprenticeship school to date.

The affair was held the evening of February 5, 1953 at the San-Su-San Club which is located at Mineola, L. I. Approximately 500 relatives and friends attended the affair, which was a huge success. Due to the limited space available the sale of tickets had to be curtailed.

Ted Naughton, International Representative was the principal guest speaker of the evening. Many other leaders from the N.E.C.A. and apprenticeship groups were present. To mention a few who favored us with very interesting talks; James Christiano, William Damon and David Greelis.

Speaking time was held at a minimum to allow more time for the floor show which was followed by dancing.

Presentations were made by the members of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee to the following graduates: Howard T. Beatty, Harvey V. Beckwith, Joseph P. Beekman, Frederick E. Bond Jr., Peter Burr, Thomas J. Callanan, John I. Castellano, Adolph Dehner, Charles S. Dennis Jr., William C. Domagala, Robert A. Dorn, George Dylnicki, Edward J. Erhard, John R. Geier, Rowland F. Hautsch, Albert L. Jewell, George M. Lang Jr., Harold Neems, Eugene Parrington, Christopher Pfund, Harold A. Rose, Herbert Solbrig, Harry Walberg, David C. Walker, William Wetzel and Natale Zappia. They each received an I.B.E.W. lapel button and a diploma. The two honor students of this class had been previously honored as guests of the N.E.C.A. contractor group, at their annual dinner dance. On this occasion Fred E. Bond Jr., and Robert A. Dorn were presented with wrist watches by our contractors.

Enclosed is a picture of the members of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the graduates.

As is usual in this area, work has slowed down during the winter months. This year we have been especially fortunate because of the fact that several large jobs which were closed in, have been finished. All of our members and about 200 Brothers from other locals have found employment here. In normal years it is a problem to find work for the membership of our local during the three winter months.

About May 15, 1953 some of the larger projects scheduled, will be calling for men. Should any of our Brothers from other locals be inter-

ested in spending a profitable vacation on beautiful Long Island, please contact our Business Manager Joseph Gramer, at Westbury 7-1934. Living conditions are good, board and bungalows are available at reasonable rates.

The scale is \$3.30 per hour for seven hours per day. Traveling expenses are paid from the local union office to the job if the distance is greater than 20 miles each way.

We were particularly honored at our last regular meeting March 10, 1953, by the presence of two International Representatives, Ted Naughton and Jack Daly. Ted Naughton Jr., was among the candidates to be initiated at this meeting.

President Andrew Everett turned over the chair to Ted Sr. and he did the honors for Ted Jr. and the other candidates. I am sure the remarks made by Ted Sr. will leave a lasting impression on all of our new members.

Jack Daly made a very stirring address after the initiation. His subject was the Brotherhood, its responsibility to us and our obligations to it. Weeks have passed and his address is still a topic of conversation on the jobs. The members of L. U. 25 who attended this meeting are all of the opinion that both of these speakers can't play a return engagement too soon.

Local 25 is operating a school to teach foremanship to journeymen members of the local. This course has proven very popular to date. We are teaching foremanship, blueprint reading and estimating. If another sister local has such a course we would be glad to exchange ideas and literature. Should any sister local be interested in starting such a course we will be only too pleased to give it the benefit of our experience.

HERBERT L'HOMMEDIEU, P.S.

## Dinner and Dance Held in Baltimore

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—As THE ELECTRICAL WORKER reaches us this month, one can be sure that spring is surely here. Those little things we see and read about tell a story that we are always glad to hear, such as getting the fishing gear ready, overhauling the outboard motor, painting the woodwork at the shore cottage, the baseball standings starting to appear daily in the papers, and the race horses moving into Maryland and New York—all add their little bit to the story that spring is here with summer soon to come.

And there is another item that is synonymous with spring and that is the annual dinner and dance held by and for the pleasure of the members of Local Union No. 28 and their wives or girl friends. This party as usual will have as its host, Brother Carl G. Scholtz, our brilliant young business manager with assistance from his entire Executive Board. This party has proven in the past to be an outstanding social success and has been getting better all the time. You can bet the Brothers of this local are in for a swell evening at the Emerson Hotel.

Note must be made as to the efficient way Brother Ed Rost has succeeded Brother George Neukomm in the job as financial secretary. Lots of luck Brother Rost.

Another little phrase that always comes to mind this time of the year is from a book by Jean Z. Owen which tells of a conversation between two homesteaders on the western prairies—one mother said to another

one pretty April day "I am always so glad when the house is clean, the garden planted and the baby born, then I know spring is really here."

To get away from that subject which probably by now is very boring, we will give you the news about our local. It so happens that we are at the present time enjoying practically full employment.

It has been stated in the papers that Congress is going to do something about hidden taxes this year, they won't do anything about them, they will just hide them a little better.

I also noted in the paper recently that *Life* magazine wants to pay former President Truman \$600,000 to tell his story of what he did while in the White House. I don't know why they want to pay all that money for—I'll bet that there are a lot of Republicans who would jump at a chance to tell it all for nothing.

Anyone who ever played golf can surely appreciate what Arnold Daly once said and I quote "Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, it's no fun, if you do it breaks your heart."

It seems that your correspondent from Local No. 28 has about run out of chatter, so as we bow out we will leave you with this thought to ponder over during these trying times by Gandhi: "Hatred ever kills, love never dies. Such is the vast difference between the two. What is obtained by hatred proves a burden in reality for it increases hatred. The duty of a human being is to diminish hatred and promote love."

ALFRED S. ANDERSON, P.S.

## Member Back from 2 Years in Korea

L. U. 34, PEORIA, ILL. — Work is still slow here with some men loafing. Peoria housing program is slow at this time. Pekin housing program has just started also on the Pekin hospital addition. These jobs will only take a few men.

Today I received the good news that George Hamilton is coming home from Korea. After two years on the fighting front as an electrician stringing wires in and out of fox holes his job as glass blower in a neon shop is sure going to be tame, but we thank God that he is able to come back to us in one piece.

Old man Hump Meyers reported to me the other day that his son, Jerry Meyers, was to leave on March the twentieth to join the St. Louis Browns ball team. I said, "How do you get a ball player out of a bunch of electricians?" He said, "No, we got a bunch of electricians out of a bunch of ball players." Two of the boys, Andy and Don, played in the Texas league one time. The old man himself pitched professional ball in Norfolk, Virginia in 1917. He says he is too old to play ball any more, but he surely enjoys playing with his granddaughter, the only girl in the Meyers family of boys.

The local sent some cigars to Brother Jack Fleming who has been sick for some time. His wife sent us a letter of thanks saying he surely enjoyed them.

Brother Art Dana is in Dwight hospital and is not expected to work for about three months.

Our bowling team is doing fine.

The plans for the Camp Ellis atomic project will not be out until the first of May and it will be about June first before any contracts are let. Well, it looks like we will be out in the cold on this job next winter. I guess I am getting old, thinking about next winter before I get my spring gardening done. Do you suppose any one will ever invent an atom that will help an old buzzard like me?

CHARLES F. THORNTON, P. S.

## ADDRESS CHANGED?



Brothers, we want you to have your JOURNAL! When you have a change in address, please let us know. Be sure to include your old address and please don't forget to fill in L. U. and Card No. This information will be helpful in checking and keeping our records straight.

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## 55th Anniversary Marked in Buffalo

L. U. 41, BUFFALO, N. Y.—It has been many years since this local union has been represented by a press secretary, I hope we are welcome back to the fold. (Editor's Note: You are very welcome, Brother. Keep up the good work.)

To start things rolling again I would like to report on our 55th anniversary celebration, at which approximately 160 of our Brothers showed that they had compiled 5,107 years of service. Their years ranged from 25 years to 48 years, and they were honored by presentation of pins,

## 55 Years of Buffalo Service



The 55th Anniversary of Local 41, Buffalo, N. Y., was observed by a gala banquet at which 160 members received service badges. Special guests and officers of the local are shown below, top row, left to right: Rt. Rev. John P. Boland; Rabbi Robert Marx; Rev. Martin S. Hoeppner; Frank Burns; Charles Piper, and Charles Halloran. Second row: Wade Steveson; Whitworth Ferguson; Charles Pillard; Joseph Liggett; Jerry Winterhalt, and Leonard C. Koepf. Bottom row: Charles Crader; Richard Graessner; Joseph McCarthy; John J. Callahan, and Stanley White.

at Hotel Buffalo on February 28th, 1953.

Along with these members, 84 apprentices who had completed their apprentice training were honored with their New York State Certificates of completion.

Principal speaker at the dinner to honor the old and new was International Vice President Joseph W. Liggett. Brother Liggett commented on the 55 years of service given by Local 41 and a bright outlook for the future. He told of the years it took the I.B.E.W. to get started with its ups and downs, and finally on its smooth machine-like operation of today. He told how each man plays his part in the whole, by gaining the good will of other fellow craftsman, the employer, and the general public. He said that he has received the fullest cooperation from Local 41 and that he always stands ready to assist them in any way possible.

Honored guests included International Representative Jerry Winterhalt, Right Reverend John P. Boland, who gave the invocation; Rabbi Robert J. Marx, Federation President Charles W. Halloran, Brothers Harry S. Jordan, business manager of Local Union 237, Niagara Falls, New York, Brother John Downs, business manager Local Union 86, Rochester, New York, Bernard Murphy, business manager of Local Union 1339, Buffalo, New York. Brother Edward Peck, business manager of Local Union 1249 of Syracuse, New York, was represented by Kenneth Carpenter, his assistant. Also present were electrical contractors and members of the State and the local Apprenticeship Training Service. The closing



prayer was given by Reverend Martin S. Hoeppner.

Accommodations were made for 500 guests by Anniversary Committee Chairman, Frank Burns, Vice Chairman Leonard C. Koepf, president of L. U. 41, Chairman of Arrangements Charles H. Pillard, business manager of L. U. 41, Chairman of Reception and Entertainment Leo Ford, secretary of the committee, Lucian Schwab, and the following committee members: James H. Eggleston Jr., Robert Herman, Richard Hoppel, William Marinaccio, Densmore Reynolds, Melbourne Rice, Michael Miller, Ray-

mond Schlemmer, and Robert Keller.

Brother Charles H. Pillard, business manager of Local Union 41, was the toastmaster at this gala event. He did a professional job, and our deepest thanks go to him for helping to make this a tremendous success.

RICHARD HOPPELL, P.S.

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### West Coast Job Reimbursement Plan

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—After a mild winter that found most every-

one in the local "workin' steady," the boys, who usually head north with the wild geese, are all wondering how defense work in Alaska will be handled by the new Administration.

We hear that the wiremen in several Pacific Coast locals are operating under a job reimbursement plan, but our members some time ago rejected the idea after trying it out for some months. However, during the last three months of its operation, it served our purpose well and returned 75 cents on each \$1.00 paid in. This will absolutely be the last notification for any members to claim any refunds of their uncalled for money.

Of interest to our wiremen are some important additions to the working agreement with our contractors that became effective March 2. Where scaffolds are not practical, men working over 50 feet off the ground or floor are to receive time and one half, when over 80 feet, they receive double pay. Contractor's cars or trucks are not to be driven by workmen before or after actual working hours unless the workman is registered as being subject to emergency calls.

Travel time has been increased to 25 cents per radius mile after the "Free Travel Zone" boundaries.

Everyone should acquaint himself with these new boundaries and the other minor changes in the new rules, lest he be cited before the Executive Board for violations. As "Ignorance of the law is no excuse."

We were disappointed here, to have powers beyond our control cancel the "Voice of America" construction project near Port Angeles, but now comes good news of a 35-million dollar refinery to be built near Bellingham to handle crude oil from the new Canadian pipe line. To insure uninterrupted power in this corner of the United States, which in the last few years has "out built" its tremendous water power supply, the General Petroleum Company will build a four-million-dollar power plant for the refinery.

This month's member of the "Don't Let This Happen To You" Club is Harry Ramstead, who survived a jolt of 26,000 volts but lost a hand in the process. A steel boom he was guiding with a cable struck a power line and luckily the shock broke the grasp he had on the line. Another man was driving the truck while Harry was standing on the concrete roadway erecting new lamp standards. The charge was so intense that imprints of the nails in his shoes were burnt ½ inch into the concrete. Guess you fellows can draw your own moral.

"KNUTE" MALLETT, P.S.

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## Strike Continues in California Plants

L. U. 47, ALHAMBRA, CALIF.—On

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Tuesday, March 31, 1953, we will be going into our fourth week of a strike on the properties of the Southern California Edison Company in Los Angeles and the California Electric Power-Interstate Telegraph Company in Riverside.

The negotiations broke down after four months of bargaining when both companies offered a wage increase of 5 percent, or \$15.00 per month, which ever was greater. Our membership is requesting a wage raise of 25 cents per hour as this amount is needed to bring our journeymen linemen up to the wages being paid on other West Coast utilities. On the Edison property we are seeking a modified type of union shop.

The Edison contract expired at midnight on March 3rd, and we continued in session at the request of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service until March 9th when the company said, "We have nothing to offer to avert the work stoppage," and, further, "Since the union is determined to strike, you might as well go ahead, we are ready for you."

The union, as a last move, offered to submit the issues to a fact-finding board, but the company refused leaving us with no alternative.

Edison Company has resorted to every trick in the books trying to persuade, or intimidate, their employees into returning to work. They took all company medical coverage, sick benefits and insurance away from the strikers; promoted strike breakers to higher jobs; denied employees living in the High Sierras the right to purchase food supplies at a company-owned commissary, even if the families offered to pay cash, and would not allow the single employees to eat at the company-owned boarding house. This is quite a problem since there are no public cafes in the area.

Local 47 has filed unfair labor practice charges against the Southern California Edison Company, and this brought a one and a half inch thick Restraining Order and Injunction for damages—the company is suing Local 47 for \$1,250,000.00 plus \$50,000.00 per day until the strike is settled.

All evidence points up the fact that the Southern California Edison Company is trying to break organized labor on the utilities in Southern California, and they are defying the Federal laws by stating, "No negotiations can be conducted until the picket line is removed."

We are receiving very good support from our sister I.B.E.W. locals; the Central Labor Councils in the 10 counties served by our members, as well as all other locals. The morale of our members is high and we hope to have all of the people placed on other jobs in the near future which will allow us to ride the strike over a long period.

Southern California Edison is operating with a bare minimum of service to its three million consumers with the help of supervisors that they are forcing to strike-break rather than be fired. The new business and necessary maintenance is being neglected to the point that the general public will either put enough pressure on the company for a settlement, or take steps to see municipal ownership of electric power for consumers now served by Edison Company.

R. R. RAPATTONI, P.S.

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## Byrd Machine in Virginia Discussed

L. U. 70, WASHINGTON, D. C.—In my recent article about the LaPlata job I may have hurt some fellows

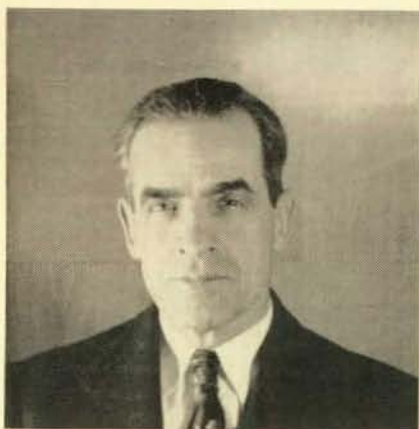
## Enjoy Outing at Syracuse, N. Y.



Members of Local Union 43 with their guests at the fall clambake.

The Electrical Workers'

# PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



Floyd D. Parker

Our salute to the Press Secretary of the month, in this our May issue, goes to a West Coast member, Brother Floyd D. Parker of Local Union 125, Portland, Oregon.

Brother Floyd has been writing articles for our JOURNAL since February 1948 and doing a fine job of reporting the activities of his local as well as conditions and labor notes of interest from his area.

Brother Parker writes us that he did not start his career in the electrical field but, believe it or not, as a sausage maker in a Tacoma, Washington packing plant. This was in early youth, however, and our Brother, shortly after graduation from high school, started in the utility field as a meterman with the Puget Sound Traction and Power Company. After three years "of looking at little wheels," he transferred to substation operation and a little later to the system operator's desk in Tacoma.

feelings because their pictures weren't in print, or their names weren't mentioned. If I have done them an injustice I apologize, but I really feel there has been no wrong done. On this job there were approximately 50 union members and I could only write or send in pictures of what I have received, and if such is the case you fellow members are the only ones to blame. I write what I can pick up for myself most of the time. I have asked the cooperation of our members in getting material to me, and I will write it up to the best of my ability. I have had very little response in this department, but yet the members want an article written in the JOURNAL.

On March 24th, 1953 we had a guest speaker from the Central Labor Union of Alexandria, Virginia to speak to us about the activities of their group in Virginia. They had

In 1926 Floyd transferred to the main system dispatching office in Seattle. In the mid thirties the IBEW started to organize the Puget Sound Power and Light properties and obtained a signed agreement with the company. However, load dispatchers were not included in that contract. In 1941 Brother Parker left the Puget Sound Power and Light Company and took a job with the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, Oregon as senior power dispatcher. Through the leading efforts of the IBEW the Bonneville employees engaged in construction, maintenance and operation, including the load dispatchers, were organized under the Columbia Power Trades Council. Under this agreement Brother Parker was able for the first time to take an active part in union affairs. He was initiated into Local 125, March 24, 1944 and has been a continuous delegate to the Council and a member of all Negotiating Committees ever since.

In addition to serving his local as press secretary, Brother Parker has also served on the Executive Board and as Recording Secretary of Local Union 125. He has been a delegate to our last three International Conventions. Recently Brother Parker was selected as a representative of his union and company to be a member of the group of utility personnel which toured Great Britain surveying the electric system of the British Electricity Authority. (Account given in our March issue.)

We are proud and happy to salute Brother Floyd D. Parker as Press Secretary of the month and urge him to keep up his good work for his union and our JOURNAL.

asked us to be affiliated with them, that Local 699 of Alexandria, Virginia, and Local 26 of Washington, D. C. were also to be affiliated with them. The chairman of the Central Labor Union and business agent of the Milk Drivers Union of Alexandria, Virginia, Eugene Hubbard was the guest speaker. He discussed the Byrd faction which is against organized labor and the Anti-Byrd faction which is fighting for organized labor. He discussed the importance of the union members who live in the State of Virginia carrying a paid poll tax receipt so they can vote for the right party, and stated that this was the only way we could combat the Byrd faction.

He related that a letter was sent to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to request that the name of the Central Labor Union of Alexandria, be changed to the Cen-

tral Labor Union of Northern Virginia. He discussed the efforts being made to get more unions organized in the whole part of Northern Virginia.

This is an important issue he discussed: He related that a bill was just recently defeated in the State Legislature of Virginia, which was defeated by only two votes, this bill being that no local union could collect dues from their members, by stewards, business agents or other collection methods, and the only way that local unions could obtain revenue for operating purposes, was to pass the hat around at their union meetings. I'm sure that our local unions could surely survive on this method of operating! And remember, this bill was just defeated by two votes. There can always be a chance of renewing this bill and trying to get it passed. Brother Hubbard stated that organized labor was being greatly harrassed in the state of Virginia.

Further evidence of this State to work against organized labor was brought out in some articles published in the *Evening Star* paper of Washington, D. C. "The Right-To-Work Law in Virginia Upheld." This article was published on March 17th, 1953. The right-to-work law seemed likely today in view of a Supreme Court action that labor union picketing can be constitutionally forbidden under that law. There was a 7-2 decision handed down upholding the validity of the controversial Virginia Statute. Justices Douglas and Black raised the possibility that some future court injunctions under the Virginia law might have a harder time in the Supreme Court unless based on unusually strong reasons and the most detailed kind of factual findings. The Virginia law says a person's right to work must not be denied or restricted because he is or is not a union member. Justice Douglas took the position that picketing is a form of free speech. He declared that a court has no Constitutional authority to enjoin a labor union from thus spreading word that non-union workers are on a job.

Also on March 4th, 1953 another article in the *Evening Star* of further actions stirring against unions, was published, this one being the National Association of Manufacturers asking Congress to outlaw industry-wide strikes, the union shop and every form of compulsory union membership. Mr. George Armstrong, chairman of the NAM's Industrial Relations Committee, called for a general over-hauling of the Taft-Hartley Act to tighten provisions of Federal laws on labor union activities. He testified before the House Labor Committee, which is considering amendments to the Labor Relations Act.

He pointed out that the Taft-Hartley Act already outlaws the closed

## In Local 80, Norfolk, Jurisdiction



The first unit of the new Virginia Electric and Power Company's Portsmouth power house. The unit delivers 90,000 K.V.A. (max 110,000) at 110 K.V. The lower section, at right, is the administration building. Additional units and outdoor switches will be added to the left (north). When finally completed the power plant will comprise six similar units. This first unit is due to go on the line about April 1st, 1953.

shop form of union security. He also added it would be logical to provide further that union shops and every other form of compulsory unionism be likewise prohibited and the question of membership or non-membership in a labor union be left, entirely to the free choice of the employee.

Under the closed-shop contract an employer may hire only a worker who is a union member. The Taft-Hartley Act permits unions to bargain for the so-called union shop, under which a new employee must join the union within a 30-day period.

The NAM official also urged Congress to change Taft-Hartley so that the "states" would have authority to regulate labor relations. The laws of a number of the states are more restrictive of union activities than the Federal law.

Mr. Armstrong also urged: That employers be given a wider freedom of speech in dealing with employees on union matters; strengthening of the Taft-Hartley ban on secondary boycotts; stronger measures through the courts to "such unwarranted strikes as the jurisdictional strike, the (union) recognition strike and the sympathy strike;" reorganization of the National Labor Board so activities of the five board members would be limited to purely judicial work.

Our only method of fighting back is our power of vote. By that I mean to vote for men who stand behind organized labor. The unions have a hard fight ahead in order that all is not lost and it is up to the union members to do all in their power to cooperate and fight with their groups and representatives. A thought to carry along:

"Labor was prior to capital, but property is the fruit of Labor. Property is desirable, and is a positive good to the world. That some should be rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let not him who is houseless pull down

the house of another, but let him work diligently to build one for himself, thus by example insuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built."

These were the words of a great President, Abraham Lincoln.

H. A. HERTZOG, P.S.

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### Contract Signed With Seattle Light

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—The negotiations for January 1, 1953 contracts have been completed with the exception of Seattle City Light. The increases were granted on the basis of six percent to all classifications. A journeyman lineman's scale in this area reaches from \$2.60 per hour to \$2.68 per hour. Our utilities for a like area represent the highest scales paid in the Brotherhood. In most cases these agreements cover all the Electrical Workers in the public utility represented.

This local union has 32 light and power utility agreements, nine of these are private power companies, 19 are public utility districts, four are Rural Electric Associations. In addition to this we have five telephone agreements, 43 radio agreements, four TV agreements and six miscellaneous agreements.

At the regular semi-annual meeting of the Union Conference Committee held in Seattle, Saturday March 28th, 48 delegates were in attendance. These delegates are chairmen of various units throughout the State of Washington and part of Idaho. Problems concerning the local union were discussed and many excellent suggestions were made relating to health, welfare and pension plans, the voting on agreements, training of shop stewards, the welcoming of new members into the organization and other items of general interest to all.

A committee appointed from Renton Local Unit 77-116 raised in excess of \$1700.00 for Herbert E. Woods, former Puget Sound Power and Light Company lineman. This committee composed of Leo King, chairman, Art Kent, Don Sebelist, Robert Patterson and Robert Fairbanks, disposed of approximately four thousand tickets with six merchandise prizes for the lucky members. Brother Woods fell and injured his back in March 1952 which kept him off work about two months. He worked a few days and was forced to lay off due to an unknown illness. After consulting many doctors he finally went to the Clinic in Tacoma where his illness was diagnosed as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The doctors have said that very little can be done for him. He is presently completely bedridden and has great difficulty eating and sleeping. Brother Woods is 48 years of age and has a wife and two children. The final drawing for the merchandise prizes was held Monday, March 2nd at the conclusion of the Renton Local Unit meeting. The following Sunday, a committee composed of Unit Chairman Art Kent, Business Manager Lloyd C. Smith, Union President H. S. Silvernale and Committee Chairman Leo King, journeyed to Ellensburg, Washington and presented the money to Brother Woods. Brother Woods wishes to thank all of his Brothers and friends for their generous donation on his behalf. The following are the winners of the merchandise prizes in Brother Woods benefit drawing: H. E. Bush, 9749 59th South Seattle, Wesley Dillon, Graham, Washington, D. J. Schiverse, Olympia, Washington, R. J. Johnson, Shufleton, E. L. Galford, Vashon and L. G. Ward, Yakima, Washington.

The construction started on Local 77's new building the latter part of February. The foundation and east and south walls have been poured. This building is located at 1718 Mel-

## Support Community Chest Drive



Adding their support of the annual drive for funds of the Atlanta, Ga., Community Chest, in Local 84's jurisdiction, along with three small helpers, are, left to right: William A. Cetti, Business Agent of the Atlanta Building and Construction Trades and President of the Painters' District Council; E. H. Williams, Southern Staff, A. F. of L.; Harlee Branch, President of the Georgia Power Company and Arnold Kennedy, Vice President of the Georgia Federation of Labor, and member of L. U. 84.

rose Avenue in Seattle, Washington. When this building is finished sometime in June, 1953 it will be the culmination of a dream that the officers of Local 77 have cherished for some time. The building was designed by Architect Kenneth Ripley and will be of concrete construction with Roman brick front. The main part of the building will have ample space to take care of the Business Manager's office, four offices for business representatives, a large vault for storage of important records, an Executive Board and Examining Board room, stationery and work room, ladies lounge, office manager's quarters and a men's lounge to accommodate construction workers who are waiting for job assignments. The auditorium is 30 by 60 and will accommodate 300 persons. Modern heating and lighting go to make this one of the city's most modern and up-to-date labor union offices.

L. C. SMITH, B.M

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### Projects Scheduled For Norfolk Area

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Greetings to all the Brothers everywhere. Work in this area of Tidewater, Virginia has about leveled off—just a little under normal and many of our out-of-town Brothers are leaving for parts unknown. It is somewhat consoling (though from unofficial sources) that one or more major projects are due for this area but just when that will be is anybody's guess.

We have tried to get a good group picture of all the gang, against a background of our latest completed project, with very poor results. The enclosed picture does, however, show one more major project completed by Local 80. The second unit of this new power plant is due to start sometime soon.

We have read and reread our editor's "So You Want To Write" in the January and February 1953 issues of our JOURNAL. To us this seems a master solution and the only feasible manner in which organized labor will ever regain public sentiment. In conceiving this, our editor most certainly merits our wholehearted commendation and congratulations—hats off to you Mr. Editor! The power of suggestion (both auto and hetero) has been used by man since he first gained consciousness—sometimes unintentionally, sometimes for good purposes and many times for evil. The story is too long for our allotted space but we have simply to call to mind Hitler's, Mussolini's and Stalin's crusade of pernicious propaganda to grasp an idea of the weapon that big business has used against us. One significant example is indelibly stamped on the minds of all readers of American history. Here in our very own New England, during the witch era, the pointing of a scornful finger was nothing but hetero-suggestion imposed on the feeble minds of mobs who immediately demanded the life of an innocent victim. It is indeed tragic that in this

supposedly enlightened era in which we live that this mob psychology, hetero-suggestion or salesmanship is still so utterly effective.

This great scheme of union-busting has been put across to the American public by literally a handful of unethical, know-it-all and gold-hungry commentators, columnists and dim-witted T.V. actors who are so perfectly in love with the product they plug that when another sponsor backs a bigger money-wagon up to their door they immediately become enamored anew. It is increasingly becoming common knowledge that the most exacting and tightest "closed shop" unions in this great country today aren't even considered as unions at all. They disguise themselves under a fictitious non-de-plume as associations—the National Association of Manufacturers, the medical, bar, real estate associations, yes, associations ad infinitum—each operating its own lobby and enjoying any number of privileges and laws enacted in its own behalf. And labor's share is the Taft-Hartley Law.

Yes, we have 550,000 press agents with one proviso attached. Just how many will respond to this "call for action" to regain favorable public sentiment? Or are we just going to drift along hopelessly wishing that this millionaire cabinet and sympathetic Congress will fail to go native in a natural habitat or—by some odd twist of fate—eventually prove traitorous to capital's old, traditional and scientific mode of oppression? The answer should lie in the breast of each and every faithful member of organized labor.

J. V. HOCKMAN, P. S.

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### Delegates to Ga. State Convention

L. U. 84, ATLANTA, GA.—Well here goes from Local 84 again. Local 84 voted in the last meeting in February to send young Myrtice Copeland of the Peoples Street School to Washington with the school safety patrol when they have their convention. Myrtice was chosen because of her high scholastic record.

Well, State Federation of Labor Convention time will probably be here and gone when this is printed, so here is a list of the delegates for Local 84: Fred Grimes, Arnold G. Kennedy, J. B. Mann, W. C. Bowman, G. F. Bush, J. W. Giles, and J. H. Dodson. Alternates; W. H. Fairchild, J. E. Hicks, H. V. Turner, Frank Tolbert, T. L. Williamson, G. V. Warhurst, J. D. Navarro and C. R. Burdett.

Local 84 lost one of its most faithful members on March 18. Brother W. P. "Shorty" Clements passed away. "Shorty" as he was known to all his many friends had been a member of Local 84 since March 14, 1925. In

1938 he suffered a stroke caused by sclerosis of the spine. Although he couldn't use his right side he was still faithful. If we had more men of "Shorty's" caliber the Brotherhood would be better for it. All we can say is "Thanks Shorty," for making this local a better place to have our card.

At this writing we are still in negotiation for a new contract with the Georgia Power Company and hope when this is printed we will have it signed.

Enclosed is a resolution we would like to have printed in the JOURNAL. I am sure many of our members have heard of Brother Kendrick's many, many works on behalf of organized labor in Georgia.

WHEREAS, Brother W. C. Kendrick has been an honorary member of Local Union Number 84 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 15 years, and,

WHEREAS, Brother Kendrick was untiring in his efforts to help the working man, having supported many local unions through strife and struggle and he was equally as proud to boost and praise when local unions won benefits for the working men and women, many such benefits he was instrumental in getting, and

WHEREAS, He served his fellow man in many walks of life, in the State Legislature, on the Hospital Board and in Civic efforts of all kinds, and

WHEREAS, The Community and State will be a better place to live, because of the fine works of this humble man while he lived,

Therefore be it resolved that,

1. Local 84 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in meeting assembled, stand in silent memory for the life that Brother Kendrick lived, and a copy be placed on the minutes of this meeting.

2. A copy be sent to the Journal of Labor, a Labor paper for which he gave much of his life. A copy to be sent to the Electrical Workers Journal.

3. A copy be sent to his beloved family.

#### COMMITTEE

L. W. MITCHELL,  
ARNOLD G. KENNEDY,  
FRED GRIMES,  
J. E. HICKS, P. S.

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## Local 106 Honors 35-Year Member Webech

L. U. 106, JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—A few lines again from Local 106, Jamestown, New York, "The Smorgasbord Local." As this is being written shades of spring are in the air. The days are getting longer and the much-longed-for summer with its variety of sports and amusements is not far off!

Our regular monthly meeting was

held last Tuesday night with Brother L. Sandquist presiding. A report was given by the chairman of the annual dinner-dance committee, Gene Ross. We had about 70 in attendance for the affair which was held at the hotel Governor Fenton. Dancing followed a very good dinner with the affair ending at a respectable hour.

This month marks the 35th anniversary of Brother Al Webech's membership in the local. Al was initiated March 18, 1918 and has served conscientiously and loyally down through the years. At next month's meeting Al will be the honor guest of the evening with a 35-year pin presented to him to mark the occasion.

Brother Murray Horn was in attendance and gave a brief report on conditions in and around Pittsburgh. The work situation was labeled by him as being slow at this time but the Clearfield, Pennsylvania, power house is scheduled to open in early April or May so the picture brightened a little with mention of that. Murray left for Clearfield that week and for all this corner knows, he is working there now.

This month we are urged to become a little more conscious, in fact, a great deal more conscious, of the union label. Placards such as the one appearing in the column have been printed through the efforts of the Central Labor Council and distributed to appear in many eye-catching spots about the town. So let's all cooperate a little more closely and look for the label on everything in which you invest. This is important for us all.

Now I close, wishing good health and luck to all.

BEN DAWSON, P. S.

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## Ernest Murray New Local 107 Officer

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Now that "Old Sol" is getting closer to earth we can get out of our shells and dig into some new construction and by all indications there will be plenty of new work this spring and summer.

For the past five months our Building Trades Council has been coasting along without a full-time business manager. Having no one at the helm it has been a struggle to police our territory so that much of our work has been lost to non-union contractors. However, at the last meeting we voted to put a full-time business manager in the field again and the choice for this most important position was given to Mr. Ernest Murray, a hard-working and a hard-hitting individual who knows how to get results. It is within the realm of possibility to clean up this city and rid ourselves of this non-union element that usurps the very life out of the trade unions.

We are out to win back our prestige by thorough aggressive action backed up by all the trades involved and I emphasize the word action, because this speaks louder than words. The psychologist's definition of aggression is "thwarted love" and Brother, we have no love left to thwart!

On May 17th to 24th, 1953 we are having what is known as "Electric Week," an educational feature, to be held at our Civic Auditorium to acquaint the public with the newest things in the electrical industry and some helpful hints on the whys and wherefores, the do's and don'ts, etc. This program should and will draw much attention throughout the whole country and with its success will be a feature that will spread nation-wide.

At this point I should like to tell all the members of Local 107 that beginning April 1st, 1953, a button will be issued to you and each quarter thereafter, signifying that you are a member of L. U. 107 and plainly marked "Electrician's Union." This is not only good advertising but it distinguishes you from the other tradesmen who may be on the same jobs. The other purpose is to extract a dollar a year from each member to be placed in the Entertainment Fund for an annual party. This will be a lot simpler than raising funds by means of raffles, etc., and finding out that we have come out short and have to dig into the General Fund. After all, if you feel you would like to boost the "kitty" we will not hesitate to accept all the extra cash. This is for your party so give generously.

Election of officers for the next two years is an imminent issue. And, I want to remind you that our organization has a business manager who is not only a qualified journeyman, but also a man of high intellectual capacity and above all, a hard worker. His record speaks volumes. Bob is highly respected by all the crafts.

Let's just summarize some of the things that he has accomplished:

1. Better understanding with the contractors,
2. A wage raise,
3. Revamped the agreement with the Electrical Association of Grand Rapids,
4. Secured the Health and Welfare Program,
5. Added two new contractors,
6. Unionized sign men and is negotiating for new shop members now. All this accomplished in less than two years! Let's get behind him and put him back in office for the next term.

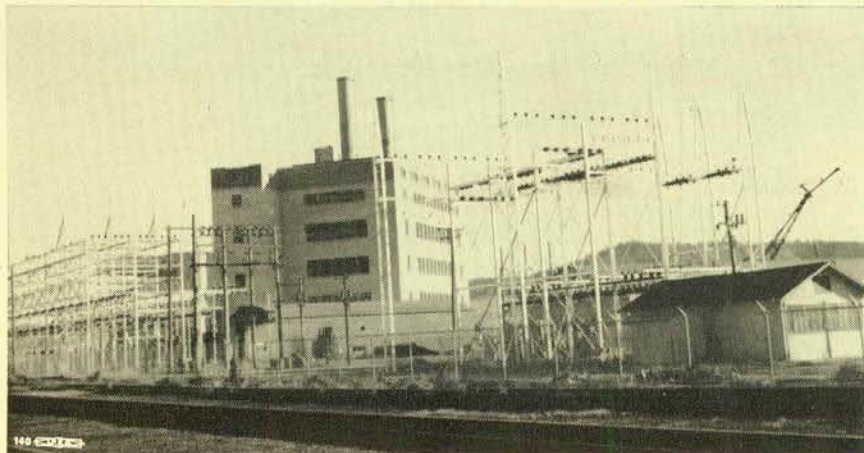
L. R. BLOOMBERG, P.S.

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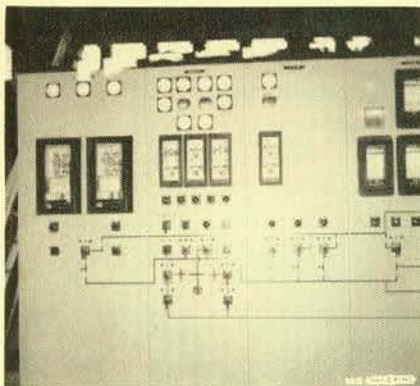
## New Power House At Colorado Springs

L. U. 113, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Well Brothers, here I am try-

## Scenes of New Powerhouse



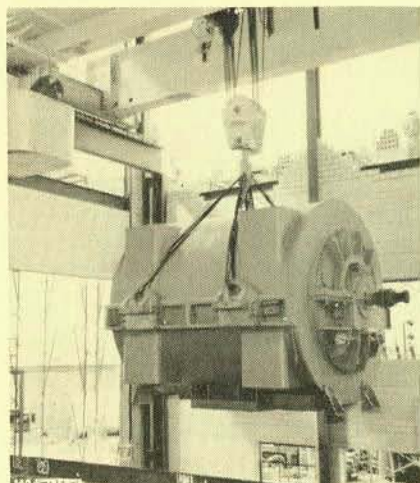
This view of the new Colorado Springs powerhouse, in Local 113's jurisdiction, shows two substations and the powerhouse as they had progressed in March of this year.



One end of the eight section Duplex Control Panel at the new powerhouse.

ing to beat the deadline again. No matter how hard I try it seems this article gets put off until the last minute.

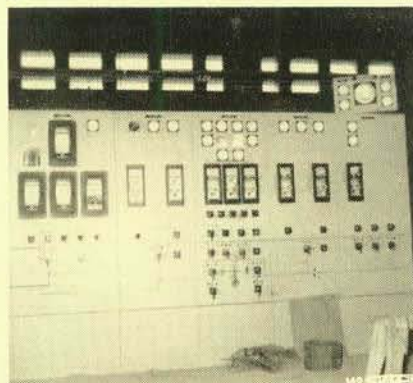
Work around these parts has been a little slow here of late. We hope this



An 85-ton 15,000 KW generator is hoisted up by Brother Arnold Cunningham at the controls of an 80-ton crane.

is the result of Income Tax headaches, and that work will pick up in the very near future. Some of the fellows have missed work from time to time, and it seems we have our quota on the bench at the present time. There is talk of several jobs coming up this summer; which may put all of us back in the pay line—here's hoping!

Included are a few pictures of Colorado Springs' new power house; which is under construction at the present. Brother Milne has been asking for pictures so we hope he will find room



The other end of the Control Panel at Colorado Springs showing the Synchroscope.

for all we are sending. I would like to take this time to thank Brothers Arnold Cunningham and Max Simon for their pictures and information from which this article is composed. Speaking of thanks; to the wonderful people who fed yours truly during the time the better half was presenting us with little Vickie, go my heartfelt thanks.

This has been a fairly safe job for I.B.E.W. members with Brother Bob Wells the only casualty; he suffered a broken elbow. All men on the job are required to wear hard hats as a safety precaution.



Brother Paul Geist of Local 113 works on the generator leads and current taps on the potential transformer.

Hoping this article makes up for the ones I've missed, I will say so long from Local 113 located at the foot of Pike's Peak here in Colorado.

"PETE" COLE, P. S.

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## Local 124 Chosen Bargaining Agent

L. U. 124, KANSAS CITY, MO.—Recognizing the fact that labor has grown up, that the time for settling disputes on building construction work with pick-handles and two-by-fours belongs in the past, L. U. 124 has taken a step which, although it is common practice in industrial plants, is entirely new in the building trades and craft unions, so far as we know.

The National Labor Relations Act provides that any group of men who have been doing a particular type of work over a period of years, may, by a majority vote, petition the court that a certain union be certified to represent them. This was done at a specially called meeting of men in the electrical construction field who elected L. U. 124 to be their bargaining agent by a vote of 945 to 8. The



A section of the D.C. conduit running from the control panel and part of the "Cope" tray for control wires.

## Honor Local 129 Charter Members



These scenes show the members of Local 129, Elyria, Ohio, and their guests as they gathered to honor their two remaining charter members. At the speaker's table, above, left to right, are: Treasurer and Mrs. Roy R. Redding; Charter Member and Mrs. G. E. Pallas; Charter Member A. J. Miller; Rev. J. P. Long; International Representative and Mrs. Forest Kistler; International Representative H. B. Blankenship; President and Mrs. Lowell F. Stedman; Business Manager and Mrs. Joseph Sedivy, and Financial Secretary and Mrs. Grover C. Withrow.



material expeditors, stockroom men and electrical material truck drivers will go into court on April 7, asking that L. U. 124 be certified as their representative. Business Manager Harvey is to be commended for his activity on these legal measures which will solve building trades problems in an orderly manner.

George Hainline, Ralph Coger and Ed Harvey, president, vice president and treasurer, respectively, of the local Bowling League, expect to have four teams in top shape for the I.B.E.W. bowling tournament to be held in Indianapolis on May 9-10. The boys look forward to these annual tournaments with a great deal of pleasure.

While going through his files recently, Secretary Smiley came across an item out of the dim, forgotten past. It was a travelling card issued to A. S. Pippis, Card No. 90, on August 12th, 1892, by Local No. 18 NBEW of Kansas City. It was signed by J. N. Rose, financial secretary and F. J. Roth, president, names unknown even to Rufus Crosswhite, the last surviving member of "old 18" which became L. U. 124 in 1904. Incidentally, Rufus

is still working every day for the Squire Electric where he has been continuously employed since he joined the Local in 1902. Until we hear of a better one, we're going to hang that up as an all time record for continuous employment by an inside wireman. Fifty-one years in one shop! B-r-other!

MARSHALL LEAVITT, P. S.

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### Charter Members Feted in Elyria

L. U. 129, ELYRIA, OHIO.—Greetings Brothers. It has been a long time since we have written any word to the *Worker*. I would like to inform all of you that Brother Joseph Sedivy is our newly appointed business manager and our office is now located at 106 West 18th Street, Lorain, Ohio.

We have been pretty short of work the past few months and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the locals who have placed our men.

On January 31st, we held a testimonial dinner in honor of our two

remaining charter members, A. J. Miller and G. E. Pallas. It was really a fine affair. After the presentation of watches engraved with their names and I.B.E.W., both of the Brothers gave two of the finest talks you ever heard. I am enclosing pictures taken at the function. I hope that one of these days we will be able to put out a call for those who have worked here.

LOWELL F. STEDMAN, President.

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### Quarter Century Of Service Honored

L. U. 132, PITTSBURGH, PA.—George A. Rider, a general repairman at the Island Avenue garage of the Equitable Auto Company, retired recently after 25 years of service with the company. Brother Rider was presented a cash gift from his fellow workers. A picture of the presentation accompanies this article. In the picture, from left to right: Raymond Sinagra, Peter Vogel, Jr., F. M. Brady, Brother Rider, E. W. Wright, Jr., Albert Garnell, John K. Keane, William Kihm, making presentation, and Foreman Albert L. Bellis.

## Gift for Retiring Member



Retiring Brother George A. Rider receives a gift certificate from his fellow members of Local 132, Pittsburgh, Pa. The others pictured are named in the local's letter.

To Brother Rider we wish many long years of health, happiness and retirement.

To the members of Local 132! Would you enjoy articles about your local in the JOURNAL? I don't mind doing an article for one of our Locals now and then, but it is too big a job for me to do very often. Why don't you have your own press secretary? I am sure there is someone who would write an article for the JOURNAL. It isn't necessary to write every month and I'm sure the other IBEW people would like to hear about your local. Hey, fellows, let's hear from Local 132.

HARVEY C. COOK,  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Joint Board.

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## Modern Electronic Plant Comes to Elmira, N. Y.

L. U. 139, ELMIRA, N. Y.—The H. K. Ferguson Company broke ground in May of 1951. Since that time many hundreds of man hours have made a most modern plant in the electronic field. It has offered the people of this city an opportunity to become associated with some of our present day wonders, in the electronic world.

The electrical construction was let to Buffalo Electric. The construction portion of this plant carried better than 50 men for a period of one year. Some very miserable weather was encountered, but little time was lost. Men in charge of construction were: William Hertz, superintendent; P. A. Halloran, general foreman, and the following were foremen: Ray Kieffer, Earl Roberts, Howard Hubbard and Herman Tillinghast.

With construction completed and the building turned over to the Westinghouse concern the Stempfle Electric Company was awarded the job of wiring the machines and the electronic equipment. Man in charge of the present installation is: W. A. Wood, general foreman. The following men

were foremen: William Overacker, Dan Henely, P. A. Halloran and Joseph Clements, Sr. T. B. Holleran has been steward on the entire job.

We would also like to thank the engineers for their fine cooperation. Without it the task would have been much greater.

I am pleased to state at this time that the Westinghouse Plant is now flying the IBEW banner. Our hats off to John O'Grady, the International Representative, for his active and clean campaign. Also thanks to Business Manager Halloran and the members of Local 139 for the part they played.

LESTER SWANK, P. S.

## Tragic Accidents To Pittsburgh Members

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—The members of Local 142 were shocked to hear of the death of Brother Joseph Rogalsky, Phillips Station, in an automobile accident near Frederick, Maryland on March 14. Two days later, March 16, Brother Wacław Rogalsky, B. I. Station, the father of Joseph, was killed in an automobile accident near McConnellsburgh, Pennsylvania while returning from viewing the scene of his son's accident. A daughter was critically injured in this accident also. These Brothers were well known to the members of this local and will be greatly missed. To the families of these Brothers we offer these condolences, May their souls rest in everlasting peace, and may the Almighty grant solace and consolation to the widows and the members of the grief-stricken families. The family is grateful to all the members who furnished cars for the funeral.

This month, April 1953, marks the fifth anniversary of the chartering of Local 142. Early in the spring of 1948, the active campaign of the IBEW on the Duquesne Light Company property began. International Representatives A. R. Johnson, O. Babbish, Ted Naughton, Jack Daly, Ed. Benz, Chuck Hughes, Charlie Scholl and others were directing the campaign. Our charter was granted on April 27, 1948. That was also the date of our first meeting and the election of our first officers. The meeting

## Contribute to Elmira Project



These members of Local 139, Elmira, N. Y. are engaged in the construction of the H. K. Ferguson Company plant. They are identified as: Wm. Slife; G. R. Dawson; M. Phillips; R. French; J. Smetanka; P. Rhinebold; G. Pealer; D. Farr; W. Farrff; C. Reed; T. B. Holleran; P. A. Halloran; P. A. Halloran; R. Hodge; J. Devon; B. Devon; K. Rundall; W. Huey; G. McNaney; J. Clements, Sr.; J. Clements, Jr.; W. Hess; S. Hoodak; F. Martz; L. Walton; A. Meeker; H. Hubbard; E. Roberts; J. Griffin; H. Ripley; W. A. Wood; A. Wood; C. Larue; J. McCready; H. Tillinghast; R. Perry; F. Koch; W. Watts; C. Klube; R. Cornwall; L. Frost; H. Jaques, and H. Wright. The following men were missing: Dan Henly; William Overacker; A. Clark; Edward Shisler, and Edward Dodge.

## Farewell Dinner for "Curley" McMillian



These pictures were taken February 20, 1953, at the Fairmont Hotel, Fairmont, West Virginia. On that date, the West Virginia-Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association held a farewell dinner in honor of Brother "Curley" McMillian who recently resigned as International Representative in order to fill the position of member of the International Executive Council of the I.B.E.W. Present at this dinner in addition to the area contractors were Vice President Gordon Freeman, all the I.B.E.W. business agents of the area, the new International Representative for the district, J. M. Parker, and International Representative Joseph C. McIntosh. Brother C. McMillian's home local is L. U. 141 of Wheeling, West Virginia.



was held at the Eagles Hall, Third Avenue. We still meet there, the second Tuesday of each month. Elected to office at this meeting were: President Sam Hopkins, Vice President Harvey Cook, Anthony Torchia, recording secretary; Art Shuker, treasurer and Ken Raynes, financial secretary. These officers were elected until such time as we were certified by the NLRB as the bargaining agent for the employees of the Duquesne Light Company. The election of the NLRB for the Unit No. 1 people, the physical workers, was held May 18, 1948. We won an overwhelming victory over the CIO in this election, losing only a small group of people in the construction department. These people were later sold out by the people representing them.

After we won the election, the local was set up on a permanent basis. It had been agreed we would begin to collect dues for the month of August 1948. In July 1948, an election was held for the officers for the next two years. The officers elected were: K. J. Raynes, president; S. L. Hopkins, vice president; A. J. Torchia, recording secretary; H. C. Cook, financial secretary and A. T. Shuker, treasurer. The Executive Board consisted of J. L. Phillips, chairman, A. J. Torchia, K.

J. Raynes, H. C. Cook, E. N. Ververs, A. T. Shuker and A. C. McDonagh. Two more members were added to the Board after another election by the NLRB among the employees of the Steam Heating Company. They were H. E. Stover and P. J. Brosnahan. We have made many advances in the first five years of our operation. In wages, working conditions and other benefits we are among the leaders in the utility field. Much of this is due to the fine cooperation of the International Officers. K. J. Raynes and H. C. Cook have served the local as president and financial secretary since its organization. J. N. Flaig is now vice president, R. D. Nelson, Jr., treasurer and C. R. McCall, recording secretary. The Executive Board officers are: D. R. Grafius, chairman, E. N. Ververs, J. H. Lawlor, W. J. O'Reilly, W. H. Bundy, F. K. Neely, C. L. Allen, Jr., H. E. Stover and G. Brooks. May Local 142 continue forward in its fight for good wages and working conditions for its members for many years to come. Will you do your part? Attend your local meetings and support and assist your officers and stewards.

There have been quite a few recent additions to the families of some of our members. The Brooks twins, George, 12th Street, and Charles, Reed, each had a blessed event at their homes, as did the Wilford Grasmicks, Reed, and the Ed. Mielkes, Boiler Repairs.

Did you know we have stage stars among our members? I recently found out that Earl Sallade, Reed Boiler Room, has a lead in the Glenshaw Players' presentation of "Brigadoon."

This is an advance tip. Be sure to attend the BI Oldtimers affair at the

Millvale Moose on May 6, 1953. At that time Tony Petraglia, Boiler Repair Gang, will introduce something new in men's apparel. From Tony's description it must be something.

Have you seen the toy the company gave the supervisors at a recent meeting? I suppose they needed something to do and a plaything was most appropriate.

Good temper, like a sunny day, sheds a brightness over everything; it is the sweetness of toil and the soother of disquietude.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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### Local 146 Accepts Revised By-Laws

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—We are now entering that period of year about which poets become entranced, painters become enthralled, and electricians just become "spring feverish."

We received a letter from Brother Ben Steele last month telling of conditions and weather in Santa Ana, California, where Ben and Mrs. Steele are now living. According to Ben, there is a \$12,000,000 veterans hospital to go up a short distance from Santa Ana, and also about 4000 low-cost homes are to be erected nearby. These figures are music to the construction man's ears, so let's hope we hear lots more of the same tune.

Ben had the misfortune to receive two broken toes as a result of an accident on the job, but we sincerely hope he has had a speedy recovery, and is back on the job again by the time this appears in print.

On the local scene, it was reported at last meeting by our business agent,

A. C. Kohli, that Earl Brookshier and Bill Dixon are getting along okay, and Earl expected to be back on the job in a short time. Larry Peel was hospitalized by an operation recently and will probably be laid up for some time. Mrs. Ed White received a broken leg in an accident at home, Ed reported at last meeting.

The revised bylaws were read and accepted at the last union meeting, and will become official upon approval by the International Office. The members voted to have 500 copies printed in booklet form for distribution to all the members. Local 146 has been growing by leaps and bounds since the opening of the charter for the acceptance of radio and television servicemen. Several contractors have signed agreements and more are expected soon.

Business Manager Kohli and Harold Montgomery attended the state conference of the I.B.E.W. held at Springfield, April fourth. Due to the recent resignations of Frank Myers and Jerry Wayne from the Executive Board, it became necessary for the remaining Board members to appoint two members to fill their unexpired terms. Elston "Percy" Twiss and Floyd Snyder were appointed for the positions. Floyd Snyder was also appointed vice president to fill the unexpired term of Ben Steele, who is now living in California.

M. B. Corey, our instructor for both apprentice classes, and who happens to be a high school teacher as well as a member of Local 146, had to undergo a minor operation recently, but is back on the job again. He was recently appointed secretary of the Apprenticeship Committee and has also been instrumental in getting several manufacturers of electrical equipment to send representatives here to conduct short courses dealing with the manufacture and application of their products. Among the firms which have responded so well in this new attempt to familiarize our members with their products were Allis-Chalmers Company, Anaconda Copper and Wire Company, Minneapolis-Honeywell Company, and our local Illinois Power Company. We are deeply indebted to these and any other contributing firms I may have failed to mention for their splendid cooperation in sending men and equipment for actual demonstrations of their products and equipment. Let us hope that this is only the beginning, and that more and better (if possible) classes will follow in the years to come. The members who are really interested in their job and want to learn all they can about the equipment they work with in the field, are attending these adult classes and receiving a lot of good information.

Well, gang, I believe this about covers the news to this writing. Hope I may see all of you at the coming

stag party, when the date and location are decided on. Until then, this is your old left-hander signing off.

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

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## Bonds Awarded to Retiring Members

**L. U. 149, PITTSBURGH, PA.**—With the summer months just ahead, it will soon be the time of the year that we all look forward to, picnic time. And when I say picnic, naturally I mean the Joint Board Picnic, which will be held at Kennywood Park on Saturday, August 22nd. Each year, this get-together of the seven locals on our properties has been getting better, so let's make this year the biggest and best picnic yet. Mark your calendar now to keep the date in mind.

The local presented a \$25 United States Savings Bond to two retiring members in April: Brother John J. Ballard, Downtown Division, Distribution Department and Brother John M. Miller of the Telephone Department, Duquesne Light Company. They leave the service with the best wishes of their fellow-employees for many years of health and happiness in their retirement.

A drive has been started in Allegheny County for a mass x-ray survey in order to combat that dread disease of tuberculosis. A goal of 1,000,000 x-rays has been set and the campaign is to wind up August 22nd. Two of our properties in this area are co-operating by setting up x-ray machines in the lobbies of their office buildings. Duquesne Light Company has a machine at 435 Sixth Avenue and Equitable Gas Company has one set up at 610 Wood Street. Both are available to employees and the general public. Have you had your picture taken yet? If not, be sure to stop in, it may mean a lot to your future.

The last of the general offices of Equitable Gas have now moved to their new quarters at 420 Boulevard of Allies. This brings all the general offices of the company finally under one roof. (It will also save a lot of shoe-leather.)

The annual dinner for the stewards of Local 149 was held at the Northside Elks Club on March 5th. An excellent dinner was served and the committee on arrangements, Brothers Carl Hartman, George Stoker and Jim Germann, are to be commended for a very successful affair. Brother Tom McGuire exercised his charm and came up with a number of souvenirs for the occasion. We were honored by Brother Joe Nichols of the International Office who attended our dinner and his remarks on the history and growth of the Brotherhood were very interesting. We enjoyed having Brother Nichols with us and appreciate his

taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us.

Another interesting feature of the affair was the appearance on our program of Matt Cvetic, who, as an undercover agent of the FBI, worked in the ranks of the Communist Party here in Pittsburgh. Mr. Cvetic gave a graphic account of his activities and experiences as a Communist and warned of the dangers of permitting Communists to infiltrate labor ranks. He related instances where this had occurred in the Pittsburgh area and the consequences that resulted. He stressed very strongly the fact that we as American union people could not afford to relax our vigilance in order to keep this evil menace from getting a foothold in our organizations.

That can be applied equally to all Americans. Sinclair Lewis once wrote a novel called "It Can't Happen Here." That seems to be the popular belief in this country that conditions of Communist slavery in Europe would never get established in our country. Well, unfortunately, too many of our people are inclined to scoff at the idea of a small group of radical "isms" ever getting control of our government. It did happen in Europe, but let us make sure we never have to say, "It can't happen here, but it did."

**CAN YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU ATTENDED YOUR LAST UNION MEETING?**

VERNER A. KORTZ, R. S.

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## Annual Round of Spring Negotiations

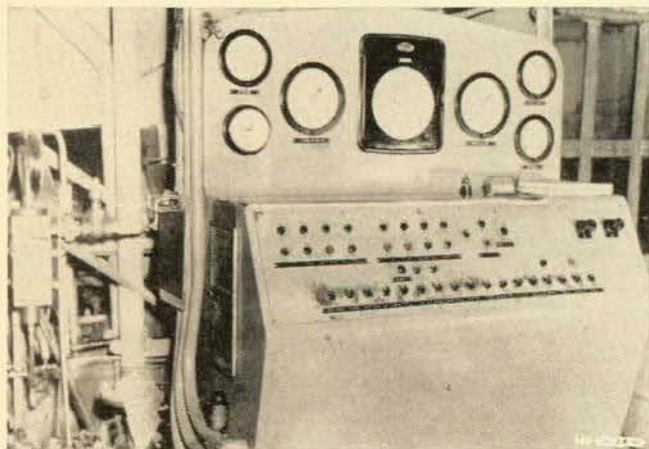
**L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.** — Ah, spring, wonderful spring, with its shoots of new grass, its budding trees and its new construction jobs blossoming out all over the landscape! The sweet smell of flowers and honeysuckle mingle with the odor of freshly sawed building timbers, the sharp acrid scent of cement and the tang of newly stripped rubber wires. Thus, the poet feeds his soul while the wireman feeds his stomach with the offerings that spring holds forth.

Spring also brings the annual rounds of negotiations—meetings between labor and employer. We are right in the midst of such meetings now and, from all reports, the picture looks very bright. The main topic of our present negotiations is the 7½ cent Welfare Plan that seems certain to be satisfactorily negotiated. In this annual tug-of-war, our past associations with our contractors stand us in good stead, for the fact that past years have proven our regard for our good name, our willingness to do our share and our record of good workmanship, has added a lot of weight to our team, which makes the victory just a little easier each year.

## *In Jurisdiction of Local 180*



An aerial view of the No. 2 mill of the Basalt Rock Company, employing members of Local 180, Vallejo, Calif. Here many LST and LSD ships have been built or repaired. Company housing can be seen at upper left.



At left, is the final stage in forming a sheet of steel into a huge pipe at Basalt. This great press forms the steel into a perfect tube of required diameter, leaving a narrow gap at the top to be electrically welded later. Right: control panel for testing equipment used at No. 3 mill. This is installed, maintained and operated by Local 180 members.

Spring also announces the start of the picnic season and we are beginning to make our plans for our annual outing. Since our picnic was so much enjoyed last year, it is entirely possible that we will repeat again; but this, of course, will be decided by the members themselves.

Yes, we here in Vallejo like spring and are very glad to see it come. Instead of every day being Sunday bye and bye, why can't it just be spring all the time?

Pursuant to our policy of trying from time to time, to describe the duties and working surroundings of Brothers that are doing something just a little different, we would like to dedicate this column to I.B.E.W. mem-

bers employed by Basalt Rock Company (Basalt Industries) a few miles to the north of Vallejo.

Fourteen L. U. 180 Brothers are now employed by this company with the prospect of many more being put on in the near future. Working conditions are of the best and the work is interesting and somewhat unique.

Not many years ago, Basalt started out as a small company furnishing sand and gravel to the local building industry. To this they added black top for roadways and other building products. Soon after, they began the manufacture of Basalite, a trade name for their type of concrete block, along with other products such as brick, tile, fences and pipe. During World

War II, they set up a shipyard and built, repaired or converted many landing type ships for the United States Navy. Since then, they have expanded to include the prefabrication of Basalite houses, the manufacturing of butane tanks and steel reinforcing and the building of huge overhead cranes that can travel at a horizontal rate of 100 feet per minute. One of their major products is the fuse-welded steel pipe, 6 inches to 36 inches in diameter, that begins with a sheet of steel and is formed in several big presses to round pipe. This pipe is welded by an automatic welding machine traveling at high speed along the length, welding inside and out. The speed of the welding is a com-

## At Local 205 Winter Social



Two congenial groups pause for pictures during the annual winter social of Local 205, Detroit, Mich. At left, left to right, are: John Paval, secretary; Clayton Harris, treasurer; Woodrow Ingram, president; Donald Presley, and Harold Wilde, Board members. At right: President Ingram; Fred Wehenkel, a retired member, and Joseph Vitale, shop committeeman.

pany secret but it produces a weld that passes the critical eye of a weld X-ray tester and hydrostatic tests that comply with required specifications.

John Hoppe is chief electrician; Brother W. C. Wade and John Finnigan are foremen and the other I.B.E.W. Brothers employed there find their duties many and varied. Paid vacations, sick leave and other benefits are part of their excellent working conditions. The accompanying photographs give a small idea of the size and diverse activities encountered at Basalt.

To Brother R. S. Moore, an employe, I give full thanks for the material in this article.

D. V. McCARTY, P. S.

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### Retired Brother Is Honored in Detroit

L. U. 205, DETROIT, MICH.—We had a very successful winter affair in February with retired Brother Fred Wehenkel as special guest of honor. The pictures accompanying this letter were taken during the festivities. The small photo shows Brother Wehenkel being congratulated by President Ingram and Committeeman Joe Vitale. The larger take is a group of local officers: Secretary John Paval; Treasurer Clayton Harris; President Ingram and Board Members Presley and Wilde.

The late reports of a four-cent raise have met considerable resentment from the members. We know that other workers have been receiving two and three times that much for over two years. What we got was "too little—too late." It was only retroactive to December 1st, 1952.

One important lesson for our organizations in this settlement is never to accept a decision without knowing the terms. Apparently we were gambling on a Truman-appointed arbitrator under the pressure of a Republican Ad-

ministration. He recognized labor's theoretical right to demand productivity raises, but when it came down to the bread and butter involved in the practical case his judgment was inclined toward granting a token raise. It appeared to be figured to be just enough to keep us off their back until October when our agreement ends. Actually, it awakened the workers to a realization that their wages are lagging and there is no easy way of getting what they have coming.

Incidentally, the criticism being thrown at our International Officers is not justified. Their demands were good, their efforts were commendable and their "breaks" were bad.

We have a big job ahead of us. With business firmly entrenched in Washington we will have to unify our forces if we hope to have a fighting chance.

What will we go after? I don't know, but here are some suggestions:

1. Six-cent productivity raise in 1953.
2. Paid holidays.
3. Severance pay to stop run-a-way shops.
4. Company subsidized health and hospitalization.
5. Improved vacations.
6. Double time for the seventh day.
7. Transfer ten cents of cost of living increase to basic wage.
8. System-wide, effective programs.
9. Union shop payroll deduction.

We'll settle for any eight of the above propositions.

W. L. INGRAM, P. S.

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### A Little of This and That from Atlantic City

L. U. 210, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—As usual the end of the month has crept up on me and caught me totally unprepared. The most interesting subject that I can think of to write about at this time, is the season of year which happens to be spring.

Palm Sunday has just passed here at the shore and left the hotel owners moaning because it wasn't a particularly nice day. But a nice Easter Sunday next week will more than make up for it.

This winter in Atlantic City has been one of the mildest in its history. Who knows, maybe we'll be growing palm trees next?

All kidding aside though, with April here, it brings to mind that local union elections are coming up in June. I take this opportunity to repeat the old adage of "may the best men win," because with good leadership an organization cannot fail in its efforts.

Just glancing around I note: that Edward Trokenbrod of L. U. 210 is again working at the steel plant in Morrisville for Beach Electric. Glad to see you back, Ed.

That the Blue Cross Hospitalization Plan of New Jersey has decided to insure us for another year. May they keep on doing it. It's sure an awful feeling to be without hospitalization.

That F. F. and a B. has recovered from his late illness and is back with us again. Thanks for your card Frank, hope I'll see you before this appears in the WORKER.

That our 50th anniversary dinner is to be held at the Chelsea Hotel late in September. Make it a good one, gang.

Well that about winds it up for another month.

EDWARD J. DOHERTY, P. S.

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### Work Prospects Up In Atlantic City

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Gradually from one month to the other I wonder where the news will come from so that I can get another article together. All of us scribes of the *Electrical Workers Journal* do not have to worry about one press secre-

# YOUR MISSION

If you cannot on the ocean  
Sail among the swiftest fleet,  
Rocking on the highest billows,  
Laughing at the storms you meet,  
You can stand among the sailors,  
Anchored yet within the bay;  
You can lend a hand to help them,  
As they launch their boats away.



If you are too weak to journey  
Up the mountain, steep and high,  
You can stand within the valley,  
While the multitude go by,  
You can chant in happy measure,  
As they slowly pass along;  
Though they may forget the singer,  
They will not forget the song.



If you cannot in the conflict  
Prove yourself a soldier true,  
If where the fire and smoke are thickest  
There's no work for you to do,  
When the battle field is silent,  
You can go with a careful tread;  
You can bear away the wounded,  
You can cover up the dead.



Do not then stand idly waiting  
For some greater work to do;  
Fortune is a lazy goddess,  
She will never come to you.  
Go and toil in any vineyard,  
Do not fear to do or dare;  
If you want a field of labor,  
You can find it anywhere.

—ELLEN M. H. GATES.



tary scooping the next guy. Just the same though, you will notice that some of us try to emulate another writer but yours truly never expects to be a Walter Winchell or a Drew Pearson.

At this writing it is the first part of spring officially and it looks like this boy will have to go to work. Paint this, paint that, plant this and vice-versa. Then the better half wanted a new exhaust fan for our kitchen that will have to be installed, I wonder where I can find an electrician? Floors to varnish, steps to sand and refinish and all the ribs one has to take from his co-workers. It just seems that there is no rest for the weary. Well to change the tempo a little bit, I can see that the days are getting longer and longer. And for your information (as if you cared) "Our days are like identical suitcases; all the same size, but some people can pack more into them than others." And speaking like I just did reminds me that 24 hours in one day are not enough to get all the work done that the little lady has laid out for yours truly to do.

This is the kind of weather we have been waiting for and I must report that it was beautiful on the old golf course this past weekend.

I would like to report at this time that one of our Brothers of Local 211 is sure one lucky guy—his monicker is Bud Attales. During the latter part of February he was involved in an auto accident, when a big, and I do mean big, Naval Trailer Truck made a left hand turn in front of him just as he was passing the truck and he tried to push the truck off the road. It didn't work and his car was a total wreck. Luckily Bud did not even get a scratch. When we arrived on the scene Bud's car was upside down with the wheels pointing towards the sky and Naval photographers getting pictures all around. I believe if I remember correctly, Bud told me his car was dragged about 100 feet and Bud was still intact, after it was all over. Yours, truly is surely glad it turned out that way, because Bud is a right guy. Just remember, Bud, look out for those witnesses.

In conclusion I would like to say that another of our Brothers of Local 211 is under the knife and I hope that at reading of this article that he is back on the job with us again. At this time the operation has been accomplished and Brother Harry "Curley" Martin is coming along very nicely. Hear you had a nice nurse Harry, they tell me they all called her appendicitis because all the doctors wanted to take her out. In closing I would like to make this little reminder—

The boss is a man  
You should never get smart with,  
You might be the guy  
He is able to part with.  
Well Brothers, our job is moving

right along. Yours truly is still working under the very capable Bill Bennett up Ancora way, and my affiliations with Bill have been both amicable and educational. We also have with us on the job now, Brothers Chet Hardman, Chick Witzel, George Barnes, Bill Suback, John Gross, Jim Anderson, Augie Krautwald and Granny Pryor. Also young Eddie Anderson and John Gross's boy, I missed his name so he will have to forgive me. All of these Brothers are out of Local 439.

This is the final curtain call for this month. Ed Doherty P. S. of Local 210, I believe you were referring to John Spillaine in your article in the March issue about the fellow from Local 211 who got hurt.

BART "CURLEY" MAISCH, P. S.

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## Condemns False School Economy

L. U. 230, VICTORIA, B. C.—The little red school house certainly left its mark on our generation, either as a painful experience that we want to forget, or else as the place where we first startled the world with our mental or physical prowess. In any case, most of us felt that our education was finished on the day we left school.

Now that money is harder to come by than a few years ago, (harder for us, that is), politicians of all grades are being elected to office by promising to "save the taxpayers' money," and one of the fields in which the greatest economies are promised is that of education. "Cut out the frills" says Senator Foghorn as he warms up to his early campaign speeches, "Efficiency with economy must be our watchword." It works, too! They always get elected, since the thought of getting something a little cheaper has widespread appeal, and even if we haven't any personal savings, it makes us feel sort of cosy to identify ourselves with those who have a well-filled sock.

Later on, the school staff find it impossible to negotiate that annual wage increase, and contracts for new schools are not let because "labor costs are too high." Curiously enough, neither the teachers nor the building trades unions (including our own), ever seem to get wise. Instead of organizing to get rid of these false economists, we always decide to give them another chance, or else elect their twin brothers masquerading under another name. Which brings us back to the subject of education, the process that should have given us a proper sense of values, with the ability to recognize truth, instead of turning us into calculating machines. We calculate and measure everything in dollars and cents, even the use of our time, since we sell our services at so

much per hour, while our relationships with one another are mainly determined by the dollar value of our possessions. By adopting this dollar outlook we become an easy prey for the politicians who yearn to save the money that we haven't got, and so help to perpetuate a condition that we know to be wrong, morally and practically. The job of the school should be to develop young people equipped and eager to cooperate with the youth of other countries in the job of making this world a better place to live in, for all people. Our generation, believing old age to be a virtue, rather than a physical condition, has always left the administration of affairs to our elders, with sometimes tragic results. Our children should be taught to solve their own problems, and we parents must insure that they are allowed sufficient time to do so.

Practically, to train and employ an adequate teaching staff at decent wage rates will not only help safeguard the moral aspect of the problem, it will create employment for both school staff and construction workers, since our present school accommodation is quite inadequate both as regards classroom space and the number of teachers. Our union has a job to do here that is worth doing, standing in the front line with those who believe that education is the way to emancipation.

The recent furore in British Columbia over education costs prompted the foregoing remarks, most of which were made at panel discussions held in Victoria, the writer hopes that somebody will find them of interest.

F. J. BEVIS, P. S.

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## Progress Under New Safety Committee

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO.—One of the contract changes negotiated be-



Retired Member Joe Beeler of Local 252 relaxes in his Ann Arbor, Mich., home.

tween the Toledo Edison Company and Local 245 last year was a new clause providing for the formation of a joint management and union Safety Committee. This committee has been functioning for some time now and we should like to report some of the results for those who might be interested.

The committee is composed of six regular members, three representing management and three representing the union. Each representative has an alternate who attends in the absence of a regular member. At least two alternates attend each meeting to keep them informed on the committee's business. Management and union guests from various departments of the company are invited to attend various meetings. A representative of the Company Safety Department is usually at each meeting. The committee meets once each month.

The primary function of the committee is to fill a void by providing a regular means of communication between the company and the union on matters of safety. The committee in itself has no authority and can only make suggestions and recommendations. The committee has functioned with harmony and several of its suggestions have been adopted by the company. Not the least of the results has been an increase of safety-consciousness in all concerned. The members of the committee are: Management representatives; regular members: Mr. A. Hoefle, Mr. E. L. McBee, Mr. William Schwalbert; Alternates: Mr. C. B. Wisbon, Mr. E. Day, Mr. C. Keller. Union representatives; regular members: Mr. H. Delker, Mr. M. Thomas, Mr. P. D. Schiever; Alternates: Mr. R. Fall, Mr. C. Yenrick, Mr. H. Moore.

Attending a meeting of the Utilities Section of the Ohio Conference, I.B.E.W. in Columbus, Ohio on March 8 were Brothers Stephen LaPorte, Vincent Wise, Howard Delker, George Thomas.

Recent deaths in Local 245 were Brothers Oral McCowan, Clarence Graham and Fred Guhl. They were members for 36, 12 and 5 years respectively. May they rest in peace.

PAUL SCHIEVER, P. S.

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## Mass Observance Of Member's Passing

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—It appears Brother Ira N. Ferris is still your press secretary. A Brother who will be remembered for his fine ways, Leo Reed, passed away March 21, 1953. The local paid due respect to him March 25, 1953 with silent prayer at our meeting and draping of our charter.

At this time Brothers of L. U. 252 take note. All dues are payable quar-

terly in advance according to our bylaws and constitution, or no local benefits. The Executive Board report was accepted and the local concurred.

At this writing, old-timer, Brother Joe Beeler is retiring from active work. A veteran of World War I, he joined Local 619 of Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1910. He came to Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1923 and worked at the Charles Kittridge Electric Shop. He went into business in 1943 with a union shop and paid his men above scale. Went out of business. Traveled far and wide. Returned to Ann Arbor Bomber Plant. He was steward on same and later chairman of the local's Executive Board. Worked at the Jackson Lansing Detroit final generator plant. Brother Beeler is quite a morale builder. He very much dislikes communism. While working on a Lincoln-Mercury job for Harlan Electric Company he met with a stroke and was fortunate enough to recover. At the age of 66 however, he is feeling the effect of his sickness. So let's say good luck and more enjoyable days to come.

Well, Brothers, let's do a little checking into the lobbying at Washington and check up on how many associations there are that are not working-class associations—but lawyers, doctors, NAM and numerous other ones. Electrical Workers could be a powerful group if we would just look around and register and vote as we see fit. We should take a little time to check up on a little history. Let's lay aside some of our pet peeves and tell our Representatives and Senators what we think and want and mean it. We will be surprised at the answer we get back especially from ones who are lawyers. So Brothers, let's make up our mind to know what we want. We are just as important as any other citizen, and entitled to equal consideration.

Big people know what they want and get it and people who think they know pay the way. So let's try and get together and lobby for our way of making a livelihood.

IRA N. FERRIS, P. S.

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## Birmingham Charter Member Is Dead

**L. U. 253, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.**—The membership of Local 253 was saddened recently by the death of Brother Leonard Kron, a charter member of our local.

Brother Kron was employed by the City of Birmingham for several years as chief radio engineer of the Birmingham Police Department. Under his supervision the Birmingham Police Radio System was expanded to include radio telegraph communication with all principal cities of the country and a teletype network was installed link-

ing the law enforcement bodies of Jefferson County, the county in which Birmingham is located. He was a radio amateur of long standing and his call was well known throughout the amateur radio world.

In Brother Kron's memory this resolution was adopted by Local 253:

"Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on February 15th, 1953, to call from our midst our beloved Brother, Leonard Caruthers Kron, and

"Whereas, Brother Kron, a Charter member of local No. 253, faithfully serving as its first Financial Secretary, for many years, inspiring our membership, by his own actions, to closer brotherly cooperation and union principles, and

"Whereas, Local Union No. 253 has suffered irreparable loss in the passing of Brother Kron, therefore be it

"Resolved: That the Charter of Local Union No. 253 be draped for a period of 30 days, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the International Office to be published in the official journal, and be it further

"Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the local and a copy sent to Brother Kron's widow."

ROBERT L. CAMBRON, R. S.

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## Welfare, Vacation, Wage Boost Sought

**L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**—Local 292 negotiations are under way again. Our outlying districts of Anoka, St. Cloud, New Ulm and Mankato, Minnesota will complete negotiations in the very near future.

This year, emphasis is placed on an increase in our Welfare Plan, Vacation-Holiday Plan, and a wage increase. It totals up to a two-bit package.

We are also trying to straighten out our mileage and parking problem, and to increase the scale differential between journeymen and foremen. At the present writing we are bogged down with our negotiations in the metropolitan areas, due to the fact that the contractors and local union are busy with a restraint of trade Federal trial. The case opened February 10, 1953. Involved as defendants are three trade associations, two labor unions (L. U.s 292 Minneapolis and 110 St. Paul), six operating companies and eight individuals. On March 25th, the case went to the jury and we all have our fingers crossed as to the outcome. We will report the verdict next month, as it may have important repercussions throughout the electrical industry.

James P. Conway has transferred his card into L. U. 948 of Flint, Michigan, where he is working with the

tools during the day and organizing and teaching educational classes at night. Jim did a splendid job as committeeman in numerous jobs in this local and served as our Press Secretary, winning the title "Press Secretary of the Month for February 1953" to attest to the fine work he has done in that capacity. Good luck, Jim!

Don Underwood donned a Seabee uniform as Electrician Second Class and reported to the Navy at Seattle, Washington, March 15th.

Our bylaws are now being given a complete overhauling by a committee composed of Business Manager Joe Krech, Earl Skeldon and W. T. Leeper, Sr. This is a job we sadly needed.

Our Local Union Blood Bank is in need of more and more blood donors. You and your family need this reserve wealth, so get in touch with Guy Alexander to insure the future of this wonderful project.

Minnesota has 6,700 licensed electricians, with the majority carrying that good old yellow ticket.

The A. F. of L. Union Label Industries Show is scheduled here on April 18-25, 1953. We are proud to be in the host city. In the words of A. F. Lockhart, "The union label, the union button, the union shop card, are the hallmarks of industrial progress. Honor them with your patronage because when you invest in union-made goods and union service, you are making an investment in the highest type of democracy known to man."

JOHN J. O'ROURKE, P. S.

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## Fort Wayne Brother Killed in Accident

**L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.**—Here we are back in print after a short vacation with the weather, flu and colds.

We have had a slack period here at 305 but with the break in the weather all the Brothers are working at present. The contract committee is still talking, but by the time you read this maybe the contractors will be all talked out and ready to act, as you know they are long-winded and these things take time.

The Brothers are to be congratulated for the way they have been attending meetings of late but there is still room for improvement. Some of you younger Brothers should attend more often. After all, it's your bread and butter. If your wife won't let you out, explain to her just what the I.B.E.W. means and besides every once in a while we have refreshments after the meeting. It's free, your only admission is a paid-up card. *It's only hearsay unless you attend.*

On the sick list this month is Brother D. Schieferstein in the hospital with a misplaced disc in his back.

The Brothers met at the funeral home and gave their last farewell to Brother E. H. Schuelsky who died of a heart attack on March 28. A prayer was given by Chaplain J. Kriegh.

Brother E. Carson who had been working out of town was killed in an auto accident while traveling to a new job.

See you all at the next meeting.

W. L. WASSON, P. S.

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## Good Luck to New Representative

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—It looks as if February has changed places with March the past week. February was very mild in this locality, but March has been real wintry with snow and ice to welcome us on our way to the job. The sunshine I wished for over the weekend came down in white flakes, so the old fishing hole still remains a deserted out-cast.

Work is progressing very well at present and everyone is busy. Quite a few out-of-town Brothers are helping with our projects. We have a new International Office Representative with us now. Ken Parker, former business agent of Parkersburg, West Virginia has taken over this job left vacant by Curly McMillian. Curly has been promoted to fill the Executive Council position, left vacant by the death of Oliver Myers. We wish them both the best of luck and success in their new assignments.

We are still having some difficulty in convincing the Millwrights that it is the Electrical workers' job to set an a line motor. I understand that other I.B.E.W. locals have had the same experience. Our International agreements have given this work to the Electrical Worker so we should protect this agreement by doing the work assigned to us.

J. E. SMITH, P. S.

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## Urges County-Wide Electrical Inspection

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—The very interesting letter in the March issue of our JOURNAL from Brother F. G. Kauffman of Local 1, St. Louis, pertaining to electrical inspections is very timely, and to the point. Here, in West Palm Beach, we also have one of the best electrical inspection departments, but unfortunately, we do not have a county-wide inspection and it's criminal what some of these "rats" can get away with outside the city limits, where no inspection is required. It is hard to make local politicians and county commissioners, etc., see how important it is to have installed and connected,

electrical circuits according to the code, and by competent, licensed electricians. The work situation is as usual, this time of the year, slowing up and no doubt many of our members will soon be journeying up north. Our Blood Bank is also coming along, slow but sure, and I am confident that pretty soon we will have reached our minimum.

I do not have too much to report at this time, so will conclude. Best wishes to all our Brothers from the Sunny South.

WALTER FARRELL, P. S.

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## Enjoyed Reading Story On "Emerald Isle"

L. U. 339, FORT WILLIAM and PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO. — Congratulations on your article in the March issue of the JOURNAL entitled "A Little Bit of Heaven." It really was interesting and I might add that articles of this nature give variety to our JOURNAL, which is getting more and more interesting with each monthly issue. Being a product of the Auld Sod myself it gave me much pleasure to read historical facts of the Emerald Isle, which had become dim in my memory with the passing of the years. The Irish are rated for their tolerance of race, color and creed, and a spiritual background together with a sense of humor and wit that is not matched by any other race. Forgive me fellows, you know my name is "Kelly." We are all familiar with the legend of how St. Patrick chased the snakes out of Ireland, would be to God that another leader like St. Patrick would spring up in our midst and banish the modern snakes of our time, who are keeping this good old world of ours in such terrible turmoil and confusion. We can at least take consolation that the hand of death has stepped in and removed two of the top enemies of our democratic and Christian society. "Uncle Joe and Gottwald are no more," said Pat to Mike, "I hope they are not where I think they are." Many and varied comments were made in Canada on the death of Uncle Joe. An ex-alderman in Winnipeg, eulogizing Stalin at a red gathering, said that he was one of the greatest humanitarians the world has ever known, and he forecast that within 50 years a statue of Stalin would be erected in every town and city in Canada. God forbid such a thing.

Another commentator in eastern Canada said that Stalin was one of the most ruthless dictators and oppressors of human liberty and freedom that has ever lived, and remarked that it was too bad that Stalin could not have lived long enough to have been brought before a world court of justice to be tried and given

his just desserts for his dastardly crimes against the human race. The latter statement echoes my sentiments, for I honestly believe that Stalin's life was inspired in every move he made by the "satanic majesty of hell." Let us take new hope, now that these two oppressors of everything that is good are gone. You know fellows, that God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform. Without God the law of no man can stand. Any leader of any nation that denies the existence of a Supreme Being, and rules by the law of the jungle cannot survive, history has proved.

Now to the lighter side of the news. After the business of our last regular meeting we had a social evening, or "stag party" as the boys like to call it. The attendance, around 75, was very disappointing to the committee who worked so hard. However, we had a grand evening of entertainment, and to those members who neglected to go, you don't know what you missed! Brothers Jack Kelly (accordion), Ken Campbell (guitar) and Denis Chenier (piano) supplied the music, and they really made the walls of the Trades and Labor Hall echo with music fit for a king. Brother Gordon (Phat) Wilson and I sang a duet. It was one of those modern numbers entitled "Sweet Adeline"—I think it was number one on the hit parade in the gay nineties! Community singing was the highlight of the evening. Brother Don Brown and his committee are to be congratulated for making the evening such a decided success.

May we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the families of our late Brothers, Henry (Hank) Cano and William J. Bell, who just passed away.

May we also voice our deep regret in the passing of our esteemed International Officer Cecil M. Shaw. I had the pleasure of meeting Cecil a few years ago when he attended a Progress Meeting in Fort William. One didn't have to converse with him many minutes to discover the sterling qualities he possessed. Our deep sympathy goes out to his family in their great loss. It is our kind wish that God may grant these three members who served our organization so well, "eternal rest."

Here is a thought for the month; Learn to think and act for yourself. Remember that a man's mind grows with use, and that we need men in the labor movement who can look ahead, men who can be firm, collected and alert, not men who fly into a panic of frenzied oratory and scatter in the hours of difficulty.

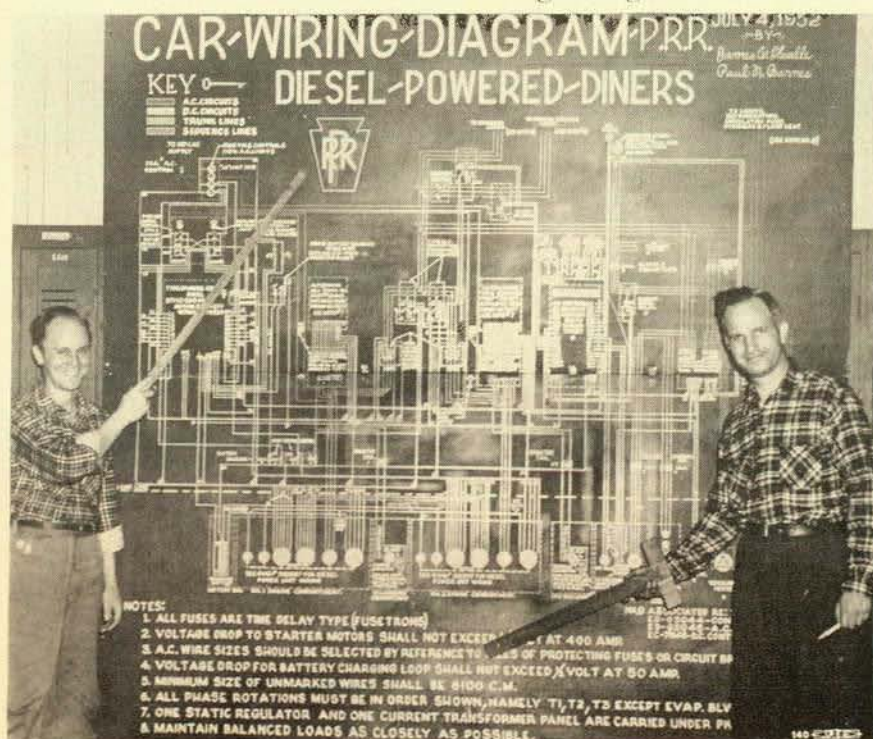
F. KELLY, P. S.

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## Des Moines Pushes For Bigger Meetings

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IA.—What

## Members Draw Wiring Diagram



Wiring diagram, used in maintaining the crack "Congressional Limited" and "Senator" on the Pennsylvania Railroad out of Washington, D. C., was hand painted by Electrician James W. Cheadle, right, and Electrician's Helper Paul N. Barnes, both of Local 362.

do you know? We finally found a way to get the Brothers to attend our union meetings. Recently we voted to impose a penalty in the form of an assessment equal to one percent of their net pay for members not attending union meetings. It is needless to say that the hall was crowded and the proposal was defeated when the proposition came up for final vote. You can bet your hat that the same penalty will come up again if the attendance falls off.

I've always been interested in trying to determine the reasons for the members not attending their union meetings. After much study I've arrived at this conclusion. They are just too "tight" to spend the money for gas or car fare. The reason for this conclusion is quite obvious because when there is money involved and they believe that it's likely to cost them they are always in attendance at their meetings.

The local voted at the March 20th meeting to close the union hall on Saturdays thus giving the office force a much deserved five-day week. This action should result in better attendance at our meetings as many of the Brothers will be unable to attend the office during regular working hours and will of necessity pay their dues and assessments on meeting nights.

At our March sixth meeting the local voted to buy a new car for the use of our business manager. Brother Baker should have chosen a car with

a built-in apartment and then he would not have to go home at all. At the present time he is only working about 17 hours a day and it seems a waste of time not to be able to utilize the other seven hours.

It is with a sense of pride that I can announce that Local Union 347 voted to loan the International Pension Fund a considerable part of our cash reserve. It should be very gratifying to all of us to be able to do our part in helping this worthy cause and while really helping ourselves also be able to show our appreciation for the many, many benefits bestowed upon us by our International. Local Union 347 recently voted a Benefit Fund for the purpose of paying the dues for any of our members overtaken by adversities or misfortunes. The assessment for this purpose is only 15 cents a month. While this is an insignificant amount to a working member it is of real importance to a Brother in distress.

In keeping with my policy to throw a few flowers around while the Brother is still able to smell them: the violets this month go to Brother C. A. (Fred) Hetherington. Brother Hetherington is one of the old timers in Local 347 and has served his union in many capacities. I feel that I have missed a lot because I didn't know Brother Fred sooner. Brother Hetherington is held in high esteem by all that know him and perhaps the highest tribute that I could pay to him is

that I have never heard a single word against him by anyone. Brothers, if we could all go through life for as long a time as Brother Hetherington has and yet be as well thought of as he is, we would have led a pretty exemplary life.

I'm fresh out of fish stories, fellows, so until next time this'll have to do. See you Friday night!

FRED H. POWERS, P. S.

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## Complete Annual Blood, Community Chest Drives

L. U. 359, MIAMI, FLA.—Greetings once again, Brothers and Sisters, from the Land of Sunshine and I do mean sunshine. The temperatures have been between 71 and 82 degrees for the last four or five weeks. The old town has really been thriving with some 320,000 people attending the General Motors 1953 Motorama at Dinner Key Auditorium and the tourists from every corner of the United States absorbing this good old sunshine.

I am writing this article in deep sorrow this month as my grandfather, W. H. Young of Cincinnati, Ohio has just passed away but I am going to try with all my heart.

Local 359 is now in the process of negotiations with the Florida Power and Light Company for our new 1953 contract and we hope we will reach a satisfactory agreement.

The local has just completed its annual Blood and Community Chest drive and we have come up with some amazing results, 94 percent participation. The full cooperation of all the Brothers and Sisters was necessary to put these drives over. Each individual played an important part and it could not have been successful otherwise.

One of our beloved Brothers passed away during the month of January, John H. Goe. He was an outstanding member of this local and believed in giving a good day's work for a day's pay. He helped train many men in his profession and also to become good union men and will be missed by all. Brother Goe lost his life as the result of injuries received from a fall from a pole. The pole from which he fell was "hot" due to a leaky street light bracket and while climbing, he came in contact with the hot part of the pole, causing him to cut out and fall 25 feet to the ground. He passed away three days later from his injuries. God rest you, Brother Goe.

Our local has just helped start a company-wide credit union and every one feels that it will be very beneficial to all. Other affiliated locals on the System already had credit unions. Brother E. D. Dunnam of Local 1191, West Palm Beach, has really been doing a fine job as chairman of the board of directors of the system wide credit

union. Brother K. F. Greenwell, formerly in our bargaining unit and past secretary of this local is treasurer of the credit union. Our committees covering the sick-welfare, educational and entertainment of our members have been quite active. Brother L. S. Fisher is in charge of the sick-welfare. A. B. Bailey takes over the duties of educating members on union affairs and J. Ravitch spearheads the Entertainment Committee. All three are doing a very fine job. I have just about run out of things to write about so until next time, I bid you adios and may the Good Lord be kind to you all.

FERREL W. SCHRIMMER, P. S.

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## Members Maintain Two Crack Trains

L. U. 362, WASHINGTON, D. C.—On March 15, 1952 the Pennsylvania Railroad inaugurated two trains, the "Congressional Limited" and the "Senator" involving approximately 40 railroad cars, a portion of which the Washington Terminal is responsible for maintaining.

These cars are of the latest design and employ many of the latest electrical accessories.

This confronted our maintenance force with many problems and wiring diagrams were scarce. Realizing this fact, our master mechanic, Mr. J. A. Long conferred with his Electrical Department and the local union committee and his final decision was to enlarge from the small blue prints that were furnished us to a greatly enlarged master copy. This was agreeable to all concerned. Electrician James W. Cheadle and Electrician's Helper Paul N. Barnes were assigned the task of making these reproductions.

These paintings were made on masonite boards that measure 8 by 8 feet with a thickness of one-eighth of an inch. As these schematics were painted free-hand with enamel paints they can be washed with soap and lukewarm water. They will stand out for years and will remain a permanent record. The A. C. circuits are painted in red and the D. C. circuits are painted in yellow while other parts such as trunk lines, meters, receptacles, motors, sequence panels, relays, resistors, coils, thermostats, fuses etc. of the schematics are worked out with many other colors.

After several weeks of accurate measuring and certain preliminary work the job was started. As the work progressed it was watched with intense enthusiasm by all.

The reproductions are now finished and are now so located that all of our electricians, helpers and apprentices have full benefit of them.

JAMES W. CHEADLE, Acting P.S.

## Labor Vital Element In All Enterprises

L. U. 375, ALLENTOWN, PA.—Late-ly, the articles appearing in this column have been drawing more comment and criticism from the contractor than our rank and file. With that in mind, this article is suggested, even though most of these points already should be recognized by the successful contractor.

All enterprises are composed of three vital elements, FINANCE, PROMOTION, and LABOR. Our interest lies in this third element. The promoter cannot operate his project alone. He must have assistance, technical, skilled, unskilled, semi-skilled, clerical and managerial, so that an efficient business will prosper.

It must never be forgotten that all technological developments have an effect on workmen. When changes are made in the design of products, or when new methods of production are devised, they inevitably have an effect on labor.

Sam Lewisohn in "The New Industrial Democracy" suggests that labor is vitally interested in three things; namely, justice, status, and a chance to get ahead.

From the standpoint of justice, labor expects that it shall receive a just share of the returns from industry in its pay envelope. One of the most difficult problems in modern management is the determination of what share of the returns from industry should go to labor. The distribution of this share to the various levels of labor that have contributed to it, is vital to the continued operation of the enterprise.

Labor members desire to be somebody. They take as much interest in the operation of a company as do those who furnish the capital, if they are given recognition of the importance of their contribution to such development. The psychological reaction of a man to doing a good job and such recognition is the satisfaction of mastery, of being somebody of consequence. Its extent is almost impossible to estimate in the smooth running of an organization.

The third thing that labor is interested in, is a chance to get ahead. A worker wishes to improve his position in the organization or he wishes to improve his standard of living in the community. Realizing that this is as vital as any, we must recognize the fact that the construction field finds it indeed difficult to fulfill that desire. However, the successful contractor, realizing the importance of this fact, faces a challenge of fulfilling or substituting this incentive. Our lack of

job security and no acknowledgement as skilled craftsmen is no motive for efficient workmanship and higher production rates.

At this writing we are in the midst of negotiations for a new wage scale. Progress is being keenly watched by this writer and other rank and filers. The outcome should be interesting. Reminds me of my school days studying history. The Indians never used money either. In those days I believe it was called bartering. Our contractors must believe in heredity. Our side is well represented by Brothers Alex Kalady, Lee Heil, Paul Oxford, and our very able Business Agent Harry Parks.

ANTHONY C. SODL, P. S.

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## Describes Progress Of Phoenix Local

L. U. 387, PHOENIX, ARIZ.—L. U. 387, now in its 13th year, is a far cry from the dark days of '39 and '40.

We are now in a fair condition considering the strong opposition that we have had to contend with.

Our officers are A. W. Coplan, president; F. L. Hefner, vice president; B. W. Robertson, treasurer; R. Fassbender, recording secretary and H. R. Pettet, financial secretary and business manager.

L. U. 387 is very fortunate in having a business manager of such high caliber, and Brother Pettet is happy to have the job. He has traveled a very rough and rugged road and is well qualified. He had a serious back injury several years ago and is not now able to climb.

Our Executive Board members are also well qualified. They are G. G. Bradley, chairman, R. W. Bowers, A. Ballent, J. E. Collum, Eldridge Coleman, J. E. Mix and H. Kirkpatrick.

On the Apprenticeship Committee are George Sinclair, Walt Franklin, and J. E. Mix.

Our Negotiating Committee has the toughest assignment. The members of this committee are: A. Ballent, chairman, G. G. Wallace, G. F. Kelly, R. P. Goodrich and H. R. Molina, all of Phoenix, Gordon Harvey of Casa Grande, Jim W. Cargen of Miami, Otis Mason of Douglas, Henry DeCorse of Yuma, John Krull of McNary, W. J. Coffman and R. C. Marshall of Prescott, and Merle Dugan of Winslow.

Our contract expires April 1st and we hope to negotiate a new agreement with an increase in pay.

It was the Phoenix newspapers and a wealthy merchant playboy that can be credited the low blow "right-to-work" law. And in the last election, they induced the voters to pass a law to make picketing unlawful. Arizona also sent to the United States Senate a man who is very anti-union.

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## Give to Conquer Cancer

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But 387 has been in some tough spots before and came through with flying colors and can be counted on to put up a good fight.

JAY GIBSON, P. S.

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## Words of Praise From Santa Ana

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—To our Brothers in Local 47 . . . No doubt by this time your strike against the Southern California Edison Company has been concluded. But at this hour, the twentieth day since you left your jobs, we watch the developments with much interest and some amazement.

We in Local 441 are proud of the manner in which you are conducting yourselves during your long and patient wait. We suspect that many of you have questioned the wisdom of your decision. You wonder if the loss of time justifies the potential gain. But supposing that those before you had been of similar thought. Where would you be today? What kind of conditions?

Perhaps some times you have felt all alone in your struggle for justice. Surely though, you have not forgotten that a half million of your I.B.E.W. Brothers have their eyes upon you and are backing you 100 percent. Even as we in Local 441 have given you our moral support, refused to cross your picket lines, and are searching for something more concrete to offer you.

We believe your request for a 25-cent hourly increase is justified. Scarcely would this amount put you on a par with the prevailing rates for similar work on the Pacific Coast. The Union Security Clause is a necessity also if you are to maintain your dignity at the bargaining table. The proof lies in the fact that the small minority of your co-workers who are not union members are being forced by an indiscriminate employer to work for your defeat.

We have read with some amazement the advertisements of that "Baron Munchhausen," who with his deliberate distortion of the facts, seeks to blackmail you. His antiquated tactics are reminiscent of the late 1800's, when gold was the god and integrity, honor, and scruples, were left to the discretion of the devil.

He has said that your business manager ordered a quickie strike. The truth is that you negotiated for four months and you were willing to continue. He has refused to arbitrate.

He subtly infers that you have resorted to violence. No statement was ever farther from the truth. He knows that the union has more to lose than he by these acts of the crackpots. Local 47 has vindicated

itself by offering a large reward for the capture of these saboteurs.

To prove his contempt for you who have served him so faithfully, he has tried to starve you out at the Big Creek Camp. He has threatened many of you with terminations if you do not return to your jobs immediately, and foresake your loyal Brothers. He has imported inexperienced help and risked THEIR lives on high voltage circuits in order to beat you.

In his zeal he has proclaimed his wisdom and virtue above that of the United States Government. Thus he said . . . "For government to authorize or permit a conspiracy to prevent delivery of electric service, stoppage of which immediately jeopardizes life and property, is simply an utter failure of government in its first responsibility."

We have been favored with the good fortune of having worked with some of you Brothers of Local 47 on the Fullerton and Santa Ana substations. Such men as Howard McCloud, Claude Long, J. A. "Ole" Henle, B. J. Dean, John Mandaville, and others. In our estimation they are all loyal, industrious, and honorable people. We know that the others of you are of the same caliber or else Edison would not have hired you.

Whether or not you have succeeded in your strike seems of lesser consequence now than the fact that you have had the courage of your convictions. If the choice fruits of victory fell too easily into your laps you might become negligent in your vigilance. If you failed, then let us hope you have learned the causes. At any rate you have proved beyond any doubt that the processes and principles of a democratic people are still alive and expanding, and ever reaching for the ideals of a better living and a permanent security for us all.

DICK KLAUS, P. S.

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## Split 15c Raise, First in South, Won

L. U. 474, MEMPHIS, TENN.—We have just received a 15-cent-an-hour raise from our contractors, and no negotiations, except one short meeting of the negotiating committees when our contractors OFFERED the increase without being asked. The writer thinks that a loud word of praise should be given our contractors.

This raise was 7½ cents cash and 7½ cents in welfare. The welfare money is put into a fund set aside for hospitalization for all members working for the contractors. A vote of thanks we give to Brother Red Collins, business manager, and our Board of Trustees, Brothers Carl Blakefield, Lee Jones and Floyd Walker, for

working up a very good policy with the insurance company.

From all information the writer can get, this welfare money of 7½ cents is the very first accomplished in the South.

Our apprentice class room study is coming to a close for the summer. As one of the instructors, the writer feels that the class room study is highly successful, as it certainly brings out the best in our apprentices, and high hopes are left in the hands of our young apprentices.

Am happy to report that none of our good Brothers have passed to the great beyond, but deeply regret to report the passing of kin to our Brothers. Sympathy goes out to Brother Frank Mensi, who lost his dad, to Brother C. H. Stevens who lost his wife, to Brother J. A. Brim, who lost his mother, to Brother Joe Schilling who lost his son, to Brother Frank Pitt, who lost his father and to Brother Perry Moore, who lost his brother.

Memphis is the cleanest city in the Nation. The bluff city on the Mississippi has won the "cleanest city" award for cities of 300,000 to 500,000 population three times, and has been set in a lone bracket until some other city wins the award three times. Then it will be a fight between Memphis and which city? We hope it will be Houston, Texas as they have a good start having just been given their first "win." So come on Houston—good luck!

With the passing of Stalin, we know not what to expect, but the one good thing it means to me is that there is one less Communist in the world.

Let's all be good I.B.E.W. members and flood Washington with letters to our representatives requesting them to do their best on that Taft-Hartley law.

May the future be bright. That is all from Memphis down in Dixie.

E. B. GRUNNET, P. S.

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## Beaumont Local Has Fortieth Anniversary

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEXAS—Greetings, Brothers, from L. U. 479. On March 26, 1953, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mont Leon Hall in Beaumont, we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the chartering of our local with a delicious banquet and get-together.

International Officers here for the celebration were: W. L. Ingram, International Vice-President 7th District; C. R. Carle, International Executive Council Member; E. S. Reynolds, International Representative; W. L. Holst, International Representative.

President Dan Tracy and Secretary J. Scott Milne sent their best wishes

## Fortieth Anniversary in Beaumont



A scene in the banquet hall where members of Local 479 were served their 40th Anniversary Dinner and where presentations of certificates and pins were made to honored local members.



These members of the local received their service certificates and pins. Seated, left to right: V. G. Hinote; W. J. McNeel, Sr.; A. M. Watts; Lee Corder; W. E. Herrin; C. A. Weber and C. F. Porter. Standing: C. R. Carle; L. R. Schmitt; C. E. Potts; W. L. Holst; L. E. Bowers; W. L. Ingram; W. A. Domingue; Floyd Nall; John Southwell; E. F. Shaw; F. E. Mack and V. R. Holst.

for a cordial meeting, but were unable to attend on account of pressing business engagements.

Brother Ed Wheat, president of our local union extended warm and cordial greetings to those in attendance by stating "As president of Local 479, I am proud of our record of the past 40 years and since it is said that 'Life begins at 40' I am sure that we can be proud of our next 40 years. To those who have come to share this occasion with us, permit me to convey the appreciation and thanks of Local 479 for your time and interest in us. We are happy to have you with us tonight."

Brother W. L. Holst introduced Brother C. R. Carle from Shreveport, Louisiana, who acted as our able master of ceremonies.

Brother Carle introduced and recognition was given to our visitors, W. L. Ingram, Charles Scholibo, E. S.

Reynolds, W. F. Arnett, E. C. Gones and J. W. Miller.

Brother J. W. Miller of Local Union 390 introduced the visiting members of his Executive Board, Elmo Rule, A. E. Walker and G. A. Roy.

Brother W. L. Ingram presented certificates and pins to the following members for 20 years service: L. E. Bower, W. A. Domingue, W. J. McNeel, Sr., C. L. Hebert, Floyd Nall, C. E. Potts and John Southwell.

Twenty-five year pins: F. E. Mack, C. F. Porter, and Lee Corder.

Thirty year pins: W. L. Holst, E. F. Shaw, V. G. Hinote, and L. R. Schmitt.

Thirty-five year pins: A. M. Watts and W. E. Herrin.

Forty year pin: Charles A. Weber. Brother Charles A. Weber gave a short address on the history of Local Union 479. A charter was issued to

Local 479 on March 26, 1913 in Beaumont, Texas. The charter was signed by J. A. Solledar, E. E. Hoffman, H. H. Sammons, L. W. Beach, P. H. Sparrow, E. M. Randall, O. F. Headen, E. A. Asbury, A. L. Morgan and Charles A. Weber. Local Union 479 was previously known as old L. U. 221 prior to March 26, 1913.

Brother W. L. Ingram gave the main address of the evening, reciting incidents in the past and "reminding us to be alert and attend to our union business in the immediate future."

Dinner music was furnished by the C. W. Boudreaux orchestra.

During the course of the evening program, Brother Carle introduced and recognition was given all the officers of Local Union 479. Those Brothers present with 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 years membership were also introduced and recognition given.

The committee in charge of the ar-

rangements for such a splendid meeting were: V. R. Holst, chairman, John S. Thompson, W. A. Guillory, B. H. Gager and Dick Humphries.

Brother Roy Gibbs was the photographer for the evening. We are indeed grateful for his contribution of his pictorial talents in making it a successful event in the history of our local.

At the meeting of January 13, 1953, the following Brothers were elected to a term of three years each on the I.B.E.W. Building Association: Marvin Crabtree, R. P. Scott and V. R. Holst.

The Area Officers' meeting held in Galveston at the Buccaneer Hotel Saturday morning March 14, 1953 at 10:30 A.M. was attended by Brothers V. R. Holst, W. A. Guillory, R. F. Ford, Glenn Holst and D. O. Cannon. A splendid meeting and banquet was held and much was accomplished in their deliberations.

March 20, 1953 at 7:00 p.m. Local Unit—Lufkin, Texas, held a fish fry at E. W. Allen's campsite on the Neches River. Those from Beaumont attending were V. R. Holst, Marvin Crabtree and D. O. Cannon.

The entertainment committee was: Joe Davis, Joe Stivers, Grover Eason, Gene Gardner and Jimmy Cain.

Those attending from Lufkin were: David Edmondson, Jack Burnett, Grover Evans, G. C. Eason, Joe Stivers, Joe Davis, Rex Harvey, Roy Wise, H. J. Moore, N. H. Grayson, R. W. DeLaFousse, J. M. Snell, W. F. Grider, Louis McCall, Flint Reed, R. B. Walker, O. B. Williams, Buck Jordan, L. E. Wright, Harold Morris, Sam Wright, Gene Gardner, Dale Russell, E. W. Allen, and W. C. West. They plan another party for April 3, 1953 for the other group coming off the evening shifts.

Brother Bobby Fitzwater who suffered injuries and was hospitalized from an auto and truck accident is sufficiently recovered to be out on crutches. We regret your mishap, Bobby. Here is hoping that you

regain your strength and health rapidly and that you will be out on the job again soon.

Brother Ray Boulware has a new girl at his home. Best wishes and congratulations to you and Mrs. Boulware.

Brother W. A. Guillory has a new addition to his family, an eight-month old daughter that he failed to tell the P. S. about. We extend to you and Mrs. Guillory our congratulations and best wishes for Pamela Anne's baby.

Brother T. Jim Davis made a sad journey to Oklahoma in December to attend the funeral of his beloved father, who was a retired oil production man in Tulsa. He was 82 years of age at the time of his passing. We extend our deepest sympathy to T. Jim and his family.

DENNIS O. CANNON, P. S.

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## Orphans Among Guests At Yonkers Yule Fete

L. U. 501, YONKERS, N. Y.—Local Union 501, I.B.E.W. held its Third Annual Christmas Party in the Eastview Avenue Junior High School Auditorium, White Plains, New York on December 20, 1952.

Over 500 children, accompanied by their parents, and a large group of underprivileged children from the Jewish, Protestant and Catholic orphans' homes were invited to the party.

A beautiful tree, presents for all the kiddies, a real live Santa Claus, and refreshments, including nuts, candy, oranges, apples, ice cream, chocolate milk and popcorn were provided for everyone's pleasure.

The chairman, Fred Wright, and his committee, shown in the photograph, did a wonderful job and made the party a huge success.

Business Manager Patterson welcomed the kiddies and their parents and introduced Thomas Jamin who sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Chairman Fred Wright introduced the President of Local Union 501, William R. Parslow, who spoke to the children.

Brother Ronald Dicket singing "White Christmas", moving pictures and an orchestra provided the entertainment until Santa arrived on the scene.

On the evening of November 22, 1952, Local Union 501, I.B.E.W., held its first Apprentice Graduation Exercises at the Eastview Junior High School auditorium in White Plains, New York.

Entertainment was furnished by Brother Thomas Jamin who opened the proceedings with a wonderful rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner." Later in the evening Brother Jamin, accompanied by an orchestra, thrilled the audience with three Irish songs.

The sponsor of the apprentice training program is the Westchester-Fairfield Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Committee, Inc. which is comprised of Local Union 501, the Southern Fairfield Contractors Association and the Westchester County Electrical Contractors Association.

The teachers are supplied by, and are all members of, Local Union 501 except one. We even have our own educational director and his assistant.

This program, which was started during World War II, is the most extensive apprenticeship training program that can be obtained. It is important to our boys who are trying to find a place in the electrical construction field and its single purpose is to provide the young men of Local 501 with a complete understanding and background in both the practical and theoretical picture of the electrical line.

There was a great deal of ground work to be done before the starting of this program could be realized. In order to start the program and maintain it at a high level, the following cooperation had to be enlisted: the Federal Apprenticeship Training Council, New York State Training

## Charter Members in Beaumont



These men at left were members of the old Local No. 221 of Beaumont, prior to the chartering of Local 479; W. E. Her-rin; C. A. Weber; C. F. Porter; John Southwell, and Lee Corder. At right: W. L. Ingram, International Vice President for the 7th District, presents a 40-year pin to Brother Charles A. Weber.



## Graduation of Yonkers Apprentices



Participants and administrators of the Local 501 Apprentice Graduation Ceremonies held recently in White Plains, N. Y. are seen above and below. The officials are identified and the apprentices named in the local's letter.



Council, White Plains Board of Education, superintendent and the assistant superintendent of the schools of White Plains, the principal of the Eastview Junior High School, the director of the Adult Education Program, the supervisor of the Vocational and Apprenticeship Training, the chairman and the Committee of the Extension and Education Program. Without the help of these organizations and people this program could not have been a success.

Our Business Manager William Patterson, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced the following guest speakers: PICTURE: left to right, front row: Richard L. O'Hara, regional director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor; William Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the Westchester-Fairfield Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Committee, Inc.; Mrs. John J. Hanselman, White Plains Board of Education; Mr. Frank Brianti, also of the White Plains Board of Education; Hugh Murphy, supervisor of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, Department of Labor; Thomas Cole, vice chairman of the Committee on Extension Courses; David Greelis, New York State Apprenticeship Council; Ernest White, Director of Adult Education; George Hermance, supervisor of Vocational Education. Rear row: William R. Parslow, educational director; L. Paul Miller, member of the Westchester-Fairfield Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Committee, Inc.; Francis Buros, assistant superintendent of schools; Stanley Shaughnessy, chairman of the

Westchester-Fairfield Joint Electrical Apprenticeship Committee, Inc.

Mr. Richard O'Hara of the Federal Apprenticeship Council presented the Federal Certificates assisted by William R. Parslow, President of Local 501. Mr. Greelis, director of the Apprenticeship Council of the State of New York gave out the New York State Apprenticeship Certificates assisted by Mr. George Hermance, supervisor of the Vocational and Apprenticeship Training in White Plains, New York.

The following apprentices received their diplomas and certificates: Douglas R. Allen, Joseph C. Angelori, Arthur Blinston, Leslie Betge, David C. Barker, Daniel Bolbrock, Harry F. Cothren, Peter Cardone, Clarence C. Chamberlain, Anthony J. Cucinell, Vernon Carl, Arthur Chamberlain, Jr., William Drinkwater, James Fitzpatrick, James Ferine, Arthur French, Joseph Frye, Jr., Henry Field, Burton Gelbman, Arnold Grenyo, Stephen J. Gacher, Charles J. Guss, Marvin Gelbman, Donald Haslett, Raymond W. Hickey, Neils Hansen, Jr., Richard N. Jones, Robert Jacobson.

James Korman, Robert Kelly, Jr., Albert F. Kraft, William Kalkbrenner, Jr., John Love, Jr., Thomas J. Lamb, John D. McKinlay, William J. Matko, Alvin Mullen, Fred Moxley, David G. Nicoll, Robert Nisbet, Richard O'Connell, Emil C. Pulick, Alfred W. Petersen, William G. Ryan, John J. Reilly, Jr., George Skerratt, Michael Spaziente, Charles Starkey, Gunnar Schonning, Edward Smolick, Robert C. Sonnevile, Vito Traversa,

Charles Talar, Kenneth Turner, Adam Urban, Ralph Vivian, Louis Varga, James Wild, Roger White, Jerome Weintraub, Joseph R. Yanarella.

ROBERT JACOBSON, P. S.

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## Urges Vigilance to Protect Labor Gains

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA. — Well Brothers and Sisters this seems to be open season on bans. And if we don't keep our eyes open and get down to business to prevent these bans we will wake up some morning and find that the National Association of Manufacturers and others will have been successful in putting across the ban against strikes, and the most important one is a ban against closed shop.

I noticed a news item appearing in our local paper that the Alabama Forest Products Association in convention at Montgomery, the state capital, is calling on the state legislature to so revise or amend the state labor laws along the lines of those of Virginia, recently upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States. So you good Brothers and Sisters of labor in the state of Alabama please sit up and take notice that they are after us here in our state. So it is up to us to see to it that they aren't successful in their proposed endeavors.

I hope that something will be done about it at our coming state conven-

## Scenes of Local 501 Party



These scenes were taken at the giant Christmas party given by Local 501, Yonkers, N. Y., for children of the members and for local orphans. The Committee for the affair was composed of (standing): John Scharff; Robert Sargeant; Arthur Scholz; LeRoy Skerratt; William Idestick; Henry Sturmer; Richard O'Connell; Jerome Weintraub; Neil Hansen; Walter Macior; Joseph Korman; William Parslow; Arthur Chamberlain; William Patterson; Alvin Mullens, and Michael Marinaro. Front row: Chester Blair; Henry Fischer; Philip Masi; Arthur Maiden; Santa Claus Gus Glifort; Fred Wright; Victor Caputo; James Wright, and J. Yanarella. Below, Santa distributes his gifts. From left to right, standing, are: Local President William R. Parslow; Business Manager William Patterson, who also served as co-chairman; Chairman Fred Wright; four orphan children, guests of Local 501, and, at left, Brother Gus Glifort as Santa.

tion at Montgomery in April. I hope to call it to the attention of our delegates attending the convention to see to it that it is brought to the attention of the convention. And be ready when the time comes to fight to the bitter end against such a law, or amendment to our present labor law. Labor of Alabama must be on guard at all times against such actions as these. And if it takes more money to keep such laws off the statute books, let's all be ready with our share to keep them off. It is up to us. It can be done and it must be done. So let's all help our leaders to do the job.

I also noticed in my local paper that a news item from Washington under an Associated Press date line that the National Association of Manufacturers' unit is asking for an Industry Wide Strike Ban. And they are also asking for an order to stop forcing employers to negotiate health and welfare plans with the unions.

So you see fellow unionists that they are going after us in a big way. The NAM is handling things in Washington themselves and letting the smaller fry take care of things in each state. So if they miss in one place they expect to "grab" it in the other. But, it is our job to see to it that they "miss out" in both places. And if the job is done right and everybody takes this thing as they are supposed to, it will be done right. And we also will have to keep an eye on them as they will try to slip something by us if we are not careful.

The best way to combat this thing as I see it, is for every union man to register and get out and vote. And I mean vote. We shouldn't let any-



thing—come hell or high water—keep us from voting.

I know that in some states, election day falls on Monday. And in some states election day is a holiday. And I also know that there are lots of so-called union men who take the three-day holiday and go off somewhere fishing or enjoying some other kind of recreation while the enemy is doing all they can to get their votes out. And they will get them out too,

Brothers, don't forget that. If they win then that fishing pole that you thought meant so much to you—well, you can just throw it away as it will be of no further use to you because your enemies voted while you fished. So let's think along the lines of old Samuel Gompers: "Elect your friends and defeat your enemies." And it is impossible to do that with a fishing pole in your hands on election day. And to the victor belongs the spoils.

These three-day holidays I am speaking of are: Saturday, Sunday and Election Day Monday. Saturday and Sunday, do as you please but for your own sake, your family's sake, and your fellow unionists' sake, go to the polls and vote for the friends of labor, and when you vote for the friends of labor you are voting for the greatest welfare of your country.

So boys and girls, let's get together and all put our shoulders to the wheel, and let's not let such a thing happen again as happened in the last presidential election. With Taft and General Electric running the country who knows where it will finally wind up.

As my dad used to tell me every once in a while, "Tomorrow May Be Too Late For Evils Of Today." So Brothers and Sisters let's REGISTER and VOTE.

PERCY E. JOHNSON, P. S.

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## List Particulars of Powder Company Pact

L. U. 508, SAVANNAH, GA.—At the present time Local Union 508 is preparing the ground work for the 1953 negotiations. We are in hopes that an early date will be arranged between the parties thereto.

The negotiations for maintenance electricians at Hercules Powder Company in Brunswick, Georgia are completed, and resulted in a six cent per hour increase.

One outstanding feature concerning the wage structure of Local Union 508 is very interesting and yet quite hard to understand.

In 1947 our wage rate was \$1.75 per hour, the apprentice rate was, first year \$.75, second year \$.87½, third year \$1.00, fourth year \$1.10. In 1948 the wage rate was \$2.00 per hour, now just read the rest of this carefully. It seems that a letter was given to our contractors stating that wages will be frozen for a two-year period. Of course this brought a protest from the better union members. However this course was followed by one of our ex-business managers.

In 1948 the election year, the members changed the entire list of local union officers. This of course did not relieve the local union of the above-mentioned agreement with the contractors, so we worked the next two years for \$2.00 per hour.

In 1950 our present Business Manager M. J. Counihan opened negotiations and we received a 35-cent-per-hour increase with various other improvements.

In 1951 we received a 15-cent-per-hour increase, making our wages \$2.50 per hour.

Again in 1952 we received a 15-cent-per-hour increase establishing our wages at \$2.65.

As you can easily see, from 1950 to 1952 we have raised our wages by 65 cents per hour, for the electricians. We further raised the helpers whereas in 1952 their wages are first year—\$1.15, second year—\$1.40, third year—\$1.50 and fourth year—\$1.65.

As we previously stated we are preparing for our 1953 adventures for more wages and a few changes within our agreement. A few of these were read at the past meeting by Business Manager Counihan. They sounded very encouraging. I would like to further state that our entire officer staff is doing a bang-up job.

Before I close I would like to say hello to a few of our members who are working in foreign locals. Such members I have in mind are: H. B. Walsh, J. W. Lockett, Jr., F. B. Lockett, L. R. Speed, E. R. Speed, Johnny Mattox, S. L. Forkner, W. H. Smith and many others.

D. L. CANADY, P.S.

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## Gulf Area Officers Meet at Galveston

L. U. 527, GALVESTON, TEXAS—Once again we send our greetings from the Gulf Coast. The summer season has begun in good form; the trees and flowers are blooming; the gulf waters are getting more fishable every day; the jobs we have planted in the ground are beginning to take root and grow into something worthwhile. It is a good feeling to be able to look upon a promising future.

We of Local 527 had the pleasure of hosting a recent bi-monthly meeting of our Gulf Coast Area local union officers. We had as our guests, officers from Locals 66 and 716 of Houston, 644 of Baytown, 390 of Port Arthur and 479 of Beaumont. The session at the beachfront Buccaneer hotel was well attended and featured lively, down-to-fact discussions on the area economic picture and pending agreement negotiations. George R. Wilson, local vice president, presided in the absence of Local President Charles R. Johnson.

We are in the completion stages of a 12 million dollar hospital job, and have before us several refinery and smaller medical facility jobs. We are happy with our work prospects for the near future. We don't anticipate any such thing as a big construction boom, but are reasonably sure of a rather steady program.

Our apprenticeship committee is deserving of another pat on the back. They are diligently working toward the goal of putting the local program into such shape that it will meet all state standards and function as a smooth organization in the process of turning out qualified Electrical Workers. They certified the following Brothers for examinations and all

passed in good form: L. Jackson, E. Rivaux, R. Mendoza, A. Baumeister, W. Carlisle and H. Piel.

We are happy too, with the increased attendance at local union meetings. It is a good sign that our local planning program will meet its goals with this type of active participation and backing from the membership.

Let's keep up the good works, Brothers. The job we have to do must be done together.

LEE O. SCHELIN, P.S.

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## Brotherhood Meeting In Sheffield, Ala.

L. U. 558, SHEFFIELD, ALA.—Once more your "ole" scribe will try and pen something to the WORKER. However, your scribe is still out of town and enjoying hospitality with several other 558 boys under the jurisdiction of 816, Paducah, Kentucky. Very little I know to write about at anytime, but, being out of town, I know less.

A large number of our boys participated in a Brotherhood meeting sponsored by Local Union 558 at the V.F.W. hall in Sheffield, Alabama, and by all reports everyone had a wonderful time.

Our old-timers received their 35-year, 20-year pins, etc. We had some distinguished guests there, with Brother Graham as master of ceremonies.

All of you out-of-town guests, and International men present, we want you to know your presence was appreciated. Pictures at this time were not available, perhaps they will be next time. Say, why can't we have something like this more often? If other locals can, we can. I know our membership is large enough. If one would read his JOURNAL, he could see for himself other locals do, and I'm sure with the proper motive in mind, it would promote unity and Brotherhood, and I feel we have a great need for that. With our large jurisdiction, some of our I.B.E.W. Brethren are hardly acquainted.

Boys, I've written so much about rumors, scuttlebutt, about various jobs breaking at home, I hardly know what to pen on paper. However, we are still anticipating more work. We're still hoping Congress doesn't block the Colbert job.

A portion of T.V.A. headquarters is moving from Knoxville to Muscle Shoals, \$4,500,000 and there will be some of our 558 boys on the job. Reynolds has a small job, with local contractors doing the job, and only a handful of men. Bagby Electric, from Birmingham has a small job building a garage for T.V.A., and only a few men needed there. The fat is in the pan, so let's keep our fingers crossed. All is steady now.

Brethren, whoever you are, and wherever you may be, remember for every condition made, someone paid the price some way, somehow. I wonder if that's why I'm so deeply in debt. Of course, some have the idea that good conditions are to check in, have coffee with cream and sugar, then check out, and management owes him a day's work. Well when your business agent huddles over the table to negotiate a raise in wages and other things, he would like to be able to bargain fairly and squarely and to show an advantage by employing a union man. In general, he can because our people are men of ability and integrity, but once in a while there's a wolf in sheep's clothing. Why I mention this is because of the rapid growth in membership and all of us should be instructed very often of the danger that confronts us in all our walks of an anti-unionist pathway.

Boys, your scribe has been out of town so long, I've not participated in the local union meetings, and I need to review my parliamentary law. Brother Brown, I wonder if the boys are still out of order? I'm sure with the additional training you've had you're doing a swell job. I only hope we can all be home soon. Good luck to you.

Food for thought: "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble, is like a broken tooth and a foot out of joint."

GRANVILLE O. ALLEN, P. S.

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## Negotiations Without Building Trades Council

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—By the time this report reaches our members through our JOURNAL, quite a lot of discussions will have taken place across the table in our negotiations, and it is still a bit early to forecast how we are going to fare out in the end. However, there is a step of great importance that this local union has undertaken recently, and that is to negotiate directly with our employers instead of through the Montreal Building Trades Council as in the past when negotiations were carried out with the Montreal Builders Exchange for most of the construction trades.

However since the Corporation of Master Electricians of the Province of Quebec has been recognized by the Quebec Labor Relations Board as the bargaining agent for its members, who are our employers, it is their duty as well as ours to sit together and negotiate our own collective labor agreement, which will later appear as an amendment in the Provincial Decree, relating to the building trades.

For those of you who may not be too familiar with our procedures in

Quebec when it comes to matters pertaining to our labor laws, take a good look at the following lines and study them carefully and then you will realize what it means to organized labor in this province.

"In Quebec, the Collective Agreement Act provides that where a collective agreement has been entered into by an organization of employees and one or more employers or associations of employers, either side may apply to the Provincial Minister of Labour to have the terms of the agreement, which concerns wages, hours of labor, apprenticeship and certain other conditions made binding throughout the province or within a certain district on all employers and employees in the trade or industry covered by the agreement. Notice of such application is published and 30 days are allowed for the filing of objections, after which an Order in Council may be passed granting the application with or without changes as considered advisable by the Minister. The Order in Council may be amended or revoked in the same manner. Each agreement is administered

and enforced by a joint committee of both parties."

This is only a sample of the laws that your Negotiation Committee has to tangle with to remain within the right of way as far as collective agreements are concerned.

Incidentally your Negotiating Committee for this year are the following who were elected at the last regular meeting: Brothers Lucien Cadotte, James Pitman, John Goodby, Hugh Lafleur, Real Groulx, A. S. MacFarlane, and your Business Manager W. Chartier.

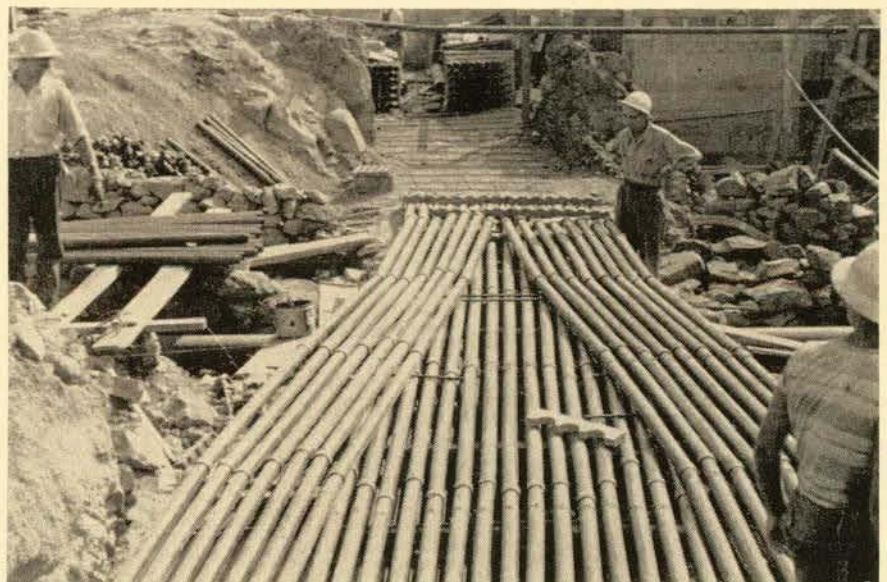
Now that the season of sunshine is with us again, a little reminder to all our members, who are tempted to take off their shirts on the job, that the Compensation Board frowns on things of that sort and I would advise our Brothers to acquire their tan at home or at the beach in your off-hours. Some of you may take this as a joke but let me tell you it is no joke if you happen to slide off a wooden scaffold on your bare chest. Work safely and enjoy your vacations.

Your Social and Welfare Committee reports quite a few of our Broth-

## Members of Montreal Local 568



These members of Local 568, Montreal, Que., are employed on the Dominion Tar and Chemical project, where they work for Canadian Comstock Co., Ltd.



This run of ducts are the underground sub-feeders coming out of the main transformer room, secondary at 4160 volts. Standing at right is Brother J. A. Hoffpauir, the job's electrical supervisor.

ers hospitalized this past month, namely Brothers C. Racette, T. Li-rette, Raoul Laplante and Allan Legouffe. Best wishes from every one of us for a speedy recovery.

I am specially happy to notice that Local 773 has finally got around to getting a press secretary for our JOURNAL. Congratulations Ben! From now on you've got yourself a regular reader from this part of the country.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P.S.

## Scout Jamboree Is San Diego Event

L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—It has been some time since Local 569 has broken into print in the JOURNAL, but coming events for the summer months of 1953 warrant some news at this time.

Two very important events are to take place in San Diego vicinity this year which are of importance to the IBEW and its local unions around the country and for that matter the world.

In July the encampment and National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America will be held at Irvine Ranch. There will be Boy Scouts from all countries represented and some very elaborate preparations are being made for this event.

Your writer, as a member of the San Diego County Executive Council of the Scouts, extends a sincere request that you make plans to attend at least a portion of this event and learn first hand of the wonderful work that scouting is doing to make better citizens of the coming generations of the youth of America.

Local 569 has long been identified with scouting, first in 1915 when we wired the Indian Village of the first exposition for the Scouts Camp when it was given to the scouts after the exposition.

The scouts used these facilities for many years till they were finally condemned as unsafe and were allotted ground where a new building was built in 1949, when L. U. 569 again did the wiring for this building as a civic gesture and for the benefit of the scouts whose membership comes from many of the families of L. U. 569 membership.

Many of our members are troop leaders and active in the scout activities in the county and we will be very anxious to greet the I.B.E.W. members who will be in attendance at the Scout Jamboree in July of this year.

Another event which will be of far greater importance to the I.B.E.W. is the International Convention of Apprenticeship which will be held in San Diego in August, when apprenticeship leaders from over the world will assemble in San Diego to work out apprenticeship problems of international nature.

It is fitting again that L. U. 569 is in the picture as we were the first union to start an apprenticeship program in San Diego which was recognized in the State and National Apprenticeship Program after World War II.

We are again taking an active part in the preparations for this outstanding effort to prepare the younger generation for their proper place in the scheme of events that make for a stronger democracy.

We repeat our invitation to the International Officers and local unions to be with us in August to promote the apprenticeship program which we are so vitally interested in as an industry.

In the making of your vacation plan for the summer of 1953 earmark the two big events in San Diego and plan to be with us in July for the National Scout Jamboree from July 17th to July 23rd at Irvine Ranch.

In August from the 2nd to 9th we would be very glad to welcome you to San Diego for the International Convention of Apprenticeship.

As the dates are quite close together make your plans to attend both events and take a much needed rest in the intervening period.

M. L. RATCLIFF, B.M.

## Work Schedule Full For Oakland Local 595

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—All members are working and in addition there are a good number of visiting Brothers working in our territory at the present time. Employment looks good for the future if scheduled projects go through as planned.

It is with deep regret that we report the illness of Brother John F. Reed who suffered a ruptured ulcer which necessitated an emergency operation. Although extremely ill, Brother Reed was last reported doing as well as could be expected.

We had a long dissertation prepared on the political situation and on politicians in general but after reading it over we decided most of the Brothers would not appreciate reading something in the JOURNAL that is quite frequently told them in the meetings and on the job, and too, your scribe is supposed to be neutral. We try to be neutral but we resent being expected to accept some of the political hogwash, as if we did not know better.

We have heard frequent references to the question of shortening the work day without cutting the day's pay, it seems that more and more of the Brothers are becoming interested in this question. It is proposed and passed at almost every convention but that is as far as it seems to go.

The question was asked if organized

labor attached the same importance to the members' upholding working conditions, as union labor used to do. Frankly it had us stumped, but we are inclined to agree, there is a difference. Tempus-Temporis.

WILLIAM O. (BILL) HURTADO, P. S.

## New Industrial Flow to South

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—Spring is here and we are glad and so are the birds and the bees from the music they are making. It will not be long until the big Mississippi plantations will be humming with activity. During the crop season we see just about every kind of farm machinery known to agriculture from the low flying aeroplane on down, along the roads and highways, especially in the hundreds of thousands of acres of rich black land in the Mississippi Delta, which is an interesting sight to tourists, I'm sure.

The Honorable Hugh White, Governor, and a delegation from our great state have been on a recent tour of several New England and other states in connection with our BAWI (Balance Agriculture With Industry) program. In other words they were not endeavoring to coax industry away from those other communities but were explaining to those industries, who already have plants in our state, the further advantages, climatic, ample labor and lots of natural resources, etc., which our state affords. So based on my information there is a steady stream of industry flowing into the state from elsewhere and the electrical and other utilities are building up lots of excess capacity to meet the demand. The outlook for expansion in our own field of endeavor looks very promising, consequently, we salute the Governor and his BAWI program.



The Van Landingshams, Pete and Ann, present four of their five little Vans. Pete is a serviceman and trouble shooter for the M. P. & L. Co., Lexington, Miss., and a member of Local 605, Jackson, Miss.

## Scenes from Local 605, Jackson, Miss.



Personalities of Local 605, Jackson, Miss. At left, Bill Hopper, International Representative for the 5th District, Executive Board Members C. A. Ainsworth and S. F. Bridges, pause for a chat. At right, are Financial Secretary and Assistant Business Manager H. D. Williams, Office Secretary Irene McDowell and Line Foreman N. A. Pack.

Negotiations between the Mississippi Power and Light Company and Local Unions 605 and 985 started March 4th and 5th and were resumed again on March 12th and 13th and March 19th and 20th.

The Negotiation Committee for the local unions are as follows: Local 605: J. A. Bennett, D. W. Ainsworth, S. F. Bridges, M. N. Grace, J. N. Wichman and Earl Hendrixson. Local 985: E. O. Meador, H. S. Shaw, C. F. Aldy, James Johnson and Wood C. Smith, Robert Morrison, business manager of both of the above named local unions and Bill Hopper, Jr., International Representative. They have been in session for six days as this was written. However, there is no progress available for report to the JOURNAL at this time. "More power to you boys."

A few snapshots are enclosed if space is available. Brother H. B. McFarland, recording secretary, has promised some information and possibly pictures too, from the Jackson Steam Plant for the JOURNAL. Our Assistant Business Manager Harry D. Williams, has been appointed financial secretary for an unexpired term. We need journeyman linemen. Call 3-4831 and consult Brother Williams. It has been a pleasure to be with you again.

J. W. RUSSELL, P.S.

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### Wage Committee Presents Proposals

L. U. 637, ROANOKE, VA.—Hello Brothers of 637 who are working in other jurisdictions and those who did not attend the last meeting!

The Wage Negotiating Committee brought in a proposition which was accepted by the body and is as follows—11½ cents an hour, starting



Officers and members of the local. Front row, left to right: Business Manager Bob Morrison; President and Executive Board Chairman J. A. Bennett; Board Member C. A. Ainsworth, and Financial Secretary and Assistant Business Manager H. D. Williams. Back row: Executive Board Members S. F. Bridges, D. W. Ainsworth, J. W. Russell, M. N. Grace, and Joe Miller, Jr.

April first. We will make use of the Seaman Plan. The increase will be turned over to the N.E.C.A. and I.B.E.W. committee to compensate a loss that would be suffered by some contractors who have straight, unfinished contracts.

This may take three or four weeks and not longer than May 30. Then we shall see the increase in our pay checks. Under this plan all Brothers receive an increase at the same time which does not work a hardship on any of our contractors.

This is one advantage of organized labor; that we can arrive at an intel-

ligent and peaceable settlement of our grievances. Thanks to the Negotiating Committee composed of the following: J. Toby Robinson, A. H. Townley, J. J. Hall and J. F. Hatfield.

W. O. Cromer had a fall on the job at Charleston, West Virginia and broke both legs. We wish for this Brother a speedy recovery.

In February one of our Brothers passed on—Sidney P. Creasy, the father of one of our linemen, Cliney Z. Creasy, who is line foreman at the Philpott job. Our charter will be draped for 30 days in his memory.

S. M. TEMPLETON, P. S.

## Nice Piece of Back Pay from Uncle Sam

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Our Local 664 Brothers were among the 16,000 blue collar workers employed in the New York Naval Shipyard who received a total of \$1,700,000 in gross back pay from Uncle Sam for the period beginning September 1, 1952, when an average of eight cents per hour wage increase for electricians was granted as a result of the January 1952 wage survey—and ending January 25, 1953.

On completion last September of the January 1952 survey, an increase of 15 cents per hour was sought and acquiesced to by the Navy Department, it is reported, but the then existing Wage Stabilization Board cut it to the eight cent level, which is being paid now. It was then that union labor demanded the survey reported in these columns in March. Since the WSB is no longer in existence, a movement is under way to get the additional seven cents per hour, plus whatever rate might be determined from facts brought out by the new Wage Survey Committee, it was learned from a reliable source. Another factor that will be taken into consideration in any new wage scale determinations, will be the differential between the Bureau of Labor Statistics' old table and the new one, it was said.

The high productivity of our union Brothers in this New York Naval "Can Do" Shipyard where the majority of our members are employed (a couple hundred are no longer Government employees, but in private industry) is far above the commensurate pay received by them. What with increases in taxes and rents, the almost certain increase in transportation costs and the proposed nuisance taxes in this area to be saddled upon them, a more adequate pay should be given to them if the Eisenhower administration is to keep its election promises. The defense of our country depends upon this and our country, in turn, is dependent upon our members. The high defense productivity of this country and the New York Naval Shipyard in particular, can only be maintained when an adequate pay rate for such productivity is maintained.

We are going to fight for just these principles!

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### At The Listening Post

With nominations and elections in the local coming up within a short month from now, campaign rumbles, like the buzzing of swarms of bees, are being heard.

This is a healthy sign. It is indicative of interest in union affairs. It is a sign of the interest that most mem-

bers are taking in their local. Regardless of how well incumbent elective officers conduct the business of the local, changes in administrative offices are many times indicative of healthy conditions and are also indicative that members are union-minded and not mere "card-holders." It often indicates that many want to serve unionism by being representatives of their local union.

However, many seek office just for the glory and personal enhancement; for whatever political union powers it gives them. The progress of any union depends upon whether elective officers know their job and how hard they work at it. Members in selecting certain Brothers to represent them to administer the affairs of their local should take these facts into consideration at nominations.

We, of Local 664, have come a long way since we were chartered more than 40 years ago. Good administrations have been responsible. Some bad ones have slowed us down. These have been few, so we have always managed to forge ahead. For many years we operated without a business manager and a business office. With the institution of these two within the last six odd years, we have progressed from a little-known local in our International family to one known from coast to coast. Some of the accomplishments started with the writing of new bylaws followed by revisions in the form of amendments as time and conditions demanded. We have been active in all wage increase searches. The present administration and membership have added new working committees, such as the Law Committee, Welfare Committee, Red Cross Labor Committee, Blood Donors Committee, Shop Stewards Committee and many others. We have tried to keep apace of these ever-changing times. We are constantly working to organize the unorganized into good union laborites. Under the leadership of the officers of the present administration and some of other administrations in these last years, we have gained in financial strength and increased membership. We are proud that we are numbered among the first 10 of the second "battalion" of locals contributing to our International Pension Fund—which is really OUR OWN PENSION FUND. We are financially sound. Because of these things, we hope that our International Office is as proud of us as we are of it.

"Back in the Saddle Again"—after a siege of illness when the multi-headed ogre poked his ugly features through the door of ye scribe's domicile—An injury received last year still manifesting itself, a victim of an attack of acute bronchitis and the pressure of the business of many interests, caused the family "saw bones" to issue the ultimatum, "slow up

or else—." Hence if I have disappointed my fellow members and Brother readers (Have I got any?) I must be forgiven. Future conditions will determine the appearance here of news from Local 664 written by . . .

JOSEPH F. KRIKAWA, P.S.

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## Union of Purpose Of Utility Locals

L. U. 696, BELLAIRE, OHIO—Since it is a difficult proposition to keep our members interested enough to come to regular meetings, it becomes necessary to go to the members through other methods.

The utility locals of the IBEW of the state of Ohio are doing a magnificent job in bringing together delegates of the various utilities for a number of purposes, such as to strengthen themselves in the knowledge of each other's problems, to fortify ourselves for the purpose of negotiations under a capable International Representative and to draw up a model contract for all locals.

Our thanks to the delegates from Toledo Edison, Ohio Edison, Cincinnati Gas, Columbus and Southern and ourselves for a determined effort to educate ourselves and others to combat the Edison Institute. Thanks also go for the wonderful cooperation of Vice-President Freeman and his ability and leadership to understand these problems and for loaning his office to aid us in our plans.

Due to the lack of interest it was necessary for the Executive Board to cancel plans for a dinner-dance affair for this local. We sincerely hope to be able to find out why our members do not take a more active part in these affairs and trust that any of our members reading the JOURNAL will send in their suggestions, ideas, complaints or whatever have you in order that the officers and board members may formulate plans accordingly.

By the time this article is found in the JOURNAL it will be near election time and you have the right to nominate those members whom you feel you can trust to conduct the business of this local union to your satisfaction.

You have the right to do this and are so obligated to make it your business to attend the meetings in order to place your nomination. We were well impressed with a statement from the Columbus and Southern local that the only reason they were able to negotiate a 10 percent increase across the board was that they had the solid support of their membership with 300 members attending out of a possible 400.

We realize that it is difficult for quite a number of our members to attend due to living so far away from the meeting places, but the meetings

## Local 712's 39th Anniversary



A gala celebration marked the completion of 39 years of service to electricians in New Brighton, Pa., by Local 712 recently. At the speaker's table at left are: Tom Rawding, NECA representative; Andrew Johnson, I.B.E.W. representative; Sol Miller; Theodore Naughton; Joseph Liggett, International Vice President; Scotty MacFarlane, committee chairman; Marty Temperante, toastmaster; Michael Namadan, president; Ed Cunningham, business manager; John Nicholson, honorary member; Charles O. Cook, honorary member. Last two also seen at right.

were so scheduled so as to give each district an opportunity to get out as many members as possible but even this does not seem to do the trick. So we ask you, what is wrong that you do not take more interest and attend the local meetings? Would you please write to the secretary and give us the pleasure of attempting to make corrections.

As we see it now the officers of all locals have a tremendous task before them to help educate their membership and it is going to take a lot of hard work to stir up enthusiasm towards this goal. Our International President spoke about this at the Progress Meeting, our International Vice-President repeats his warning about educating the local members at all of his meetings, the delegates to the utility group see this problem, so what are we going to do? I say let's start and educate them now.

JIM DE BLASIS, B.M.

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### Local 712 Anticipates Full Work Schedule

L. U. 712, NEW BRIGHTON, PA.—Greetings to all our Brothers. We are all in a cheery frame of mind, as I honestly believe spring is here at last. With the coming of warm weather, we are expecting many jobs to break. We are anticipating full employment and will probably send out a call for additional help.

The local spotlight of attention has been our recent celebration of our 39th anniversary. It was held on the evening of March 5th at the Sheffield Towers in Alliquippa, Pennsylvania. A very fine recreational evening was enjoyed by all the members and visiting guests. A fine dinner was served and we also had a splendid floor show. Dancing was enjoyed by all, with Jimmy Hime's orchestra doing the honors.

Our main speaker of the evening was Brother Joseph W. Liggett, International Vice President. Our other

speakers were Brothers Theodore Naughton, Andrew Johnson, Michael Namadan, Ed Cunningham, William Hill, Mr. Louis Ladish, apprentice instructor, and Mr. Tom Rawding, representing the N.E.C.A.

Our guests for the evening included many business agents and officers of neighboring locals. The majority of our local contractors were also present.

It was Brother Joseph Liggett's pleasure to issue 87 service awards on that evening. Our two honorary members were Brothers Charles O. Cook and John Nicholson who had over 30 years service each. Brothers O. A. Thompson and J. E. Cunningham were awarded 30 year pins. Other pins ranging from five to 25 years were issued to the remaining eligible Brothers.

The two honorary members were presented with engraved gold watches by the local Brotherhood. Every Brother received a cigarette lighter, and the guests were also presented with the same. The women were delighted with the pen and pencil sets they received.

I would like to express the feelings of the local Brothers by congratulating Brother Scotty MacFarlane and his committee on a job well done. We hope our future banquets and picnics will be as enjoyable as this one has been.

MARTY TEMPERANTE, P. S.

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### Beloved Member of Minot Local Passes

L. U. 714, MINOT, N. D.—It is with deep sorrow that Local 714 informs the Brotherhood of the death of Harlof C. Peterson, who passed away at the Trinity Hospital of Minot on January 9th 1953. He was known to everyone in this territory as "Pete" and we will continue to think of him in that way. He took his job as business manager and financial secretary

very seriously and whatever he did was always his utmost, with his whole heart and soul in it and with nothing but the thought of the Brotherhood and the electrical industry in his mind. His personality was "one in a million," and his honesty was never questioned. Truly he could be classed as one of "the most unforgettable characters I've ever met."

"Pete" was born February 16th, 1902, at Norma, North Dakota. He spent his early years in that community and at the age of 21 came to Minot and went into the electrical trade. He was employed at the Minot Electric Company 24 years before he became the full time business manager for the Electrical Workers.

He married Idamae Egelston in 1928 and is survived by her and their seven-year-old son Bobby.

Brother Peterson was a very active member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Minot and on February 15th, the day before his birthday, the Sunday morning services which were broadcast from KLPM, were dedicated in his memory with his favorite hymns and passages, sung and read by his many friends.

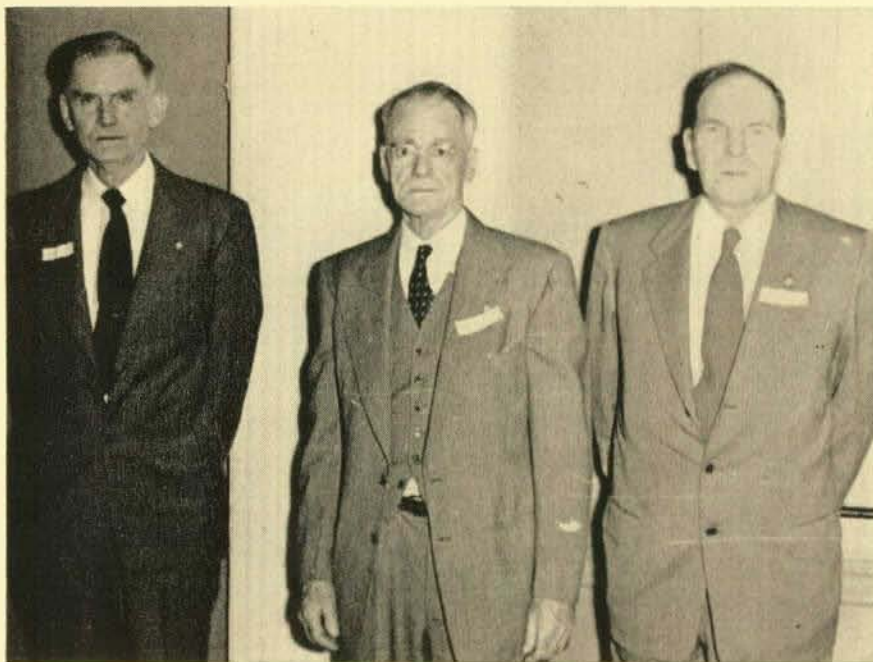
He also had many hobbies, and one of the most interesting to him was his active membership in the Rifle and Gun Club of Minot and also the Skeet Club. He had a cabin at Lake Metagoshe where he spent some of his leisure hours fishing and hunting, and it was there he spent a much needed rest-vacation following a heart attack earlier in the spring.

Brother Peterson was one of the original charter members of Local 714 which was chartered on September 27th 1932. In 1937 Brother Peterson was elected to the office of financial secretary and business manager and acted in that capacity from that date till 1948 when it became necessary for the local to put on a full-time man. During his 20 years in the Brotherhood he was very active and held several offices in the Building and Construction Trades Council and

## Honor Veteran Norfolk Members



Some of the 148 members receiving service pins from Local Union 734 are seen at left. Brother Burrows from the International Office is at right end of table. President Holder (back to camera) is in center. At right, Brother Burrows from the International Office presents service pins to the 25-year men.



Some of the old-timers. Left to right: Brother Tim Donahue, 30 years; Brother S. W. Cuthriell, 45 years; Brother R. M. Howard, 30 years.

also was a very active member of the Minot Central Labor Union.

Local 714 of Minot, North Dakota has a lot of territory under their jurisdiction and in the years that "Pete" was the full-time business manager he was very instrumental in setting up wages and working conditions on the following jobs.—The John Moses Memorial Veterans Hospital, in Minot—The REA Co-Op Power House at Velva, North Dakota—The Northern States Bison Plant, located about 5 miles from Minot—The Government Radar Stations, both at Minot, and Fortuna, North Dakota—The Power House at Buelah, North Dakota, and all the electrical construction that has been going on at the Garrison Dam-site near Riverdale, North Dakota—These are some of the jobs that he furnished men for and set up conditions for with the contractors. I do believe I can truthfully say, "Talk to any of the contractors that had con-

tracts on any of these jobs and they will all have a good word for "Pete" and Local 714. Not only did he man these jobs, but he laid the groundwork for the coming jobs.

Not only will the Brothers of Local 714 miss "Pete," all the organizations in this territory will, because he was an outstanding man in his field of work. He built up the reputation of Local 714 to what it is today and my advice to all the Electrical Workers in the Brotherhood is to give your business manager a lot of consideration and cooperation for you never know what you'll miss till you lose him.

HAROLD M. OLSON, B.M.

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### Norfolk Local's Old-Timers' Night

L. U. 734, NORFOLK, VA.—Greet-

ings from 734! We just had old-timers night and we don't believe there are many local unions in towns of our size that can equal us.

Brother Burrows from the International Office presented service pins as gifts from our local union to: 64 15-year men; 22 20-year men; 45 25-year men; 12 30-year men; three 35-year men; one 40-year man; and one 45-year man. Can you tie it?

The 30-year men were Brothers C. O. Bayne, J. B. Brown, C. L. Cone, J. D. Coogan, T. M. Donahue, R. M. Howard, H. M. Lawing, H. P. Munden, C. B. Rollins, J. L. Russell, J. F. Steele, J. W. Turner.

The 35-year men were Brothers H. E. Mathieson, J. D. Whitehead, W. A. Zeigenhain.

The 40-year man was Brother S. W. Tischler.

To crown the whole ceremony Brother S. W. Cuthriell was presented with a 45-year service pin. We salute you Brother Cuthriell, and are proud of you!

We are sending along some pictures, some of which we hope may get published. They were snapped by Brother McIntosh from the International Office.

After the presentations and a short talk by Brother Burrows the entertainment committee came up with a delightful dance, with music by Jack O'Neil's orchestra, door prizes and stunts. Our thanks to them.

We also extend our appreciation to Brother Burrows and Brother McIntosh for their assistance. It was a grand night.

J. A. WALKER, Acting P. S.

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### Faithful Business Agent Passes in Burlington

L. U. 735, BURLINGTON, IA.—That deadline date is almost upon us again and we'll have to hurry to make the May issue. It seems as though we're always late no matter how good our intentions.

Believe me Brothers, Local 735 is heavy-hearted today. It is with the deepest regret that I have to report the untimely death of our very capable and successful business agent, Brother James E. Lewis, who passed away March 26th after an illness of 12 days following a heart attack. If ever a true statement was made Brothers, this is it. Jimmie literally gave his life to Local 735 and the I.B.E.W. at the age of 49. After several years in the utility field with the Iowa Southern his capabilities were recognized and in 1943 he was elected to the office in which he passed away. During his 10 years in office we have watched 735 grow from a local with perhaps 130 inside wiremen and linemen to an organization with well over a thousand members with units in all branches of the electrical field covering a large part of the southern half of the state. All of this, we as a local and the Brotherhood as a whole, owe to the single-handed effort, practically speaking, of Jim Lewis.

Many of us for the past several years have tried our best to sell Jim on the idea of a full-time assistant to relieve him of a part of the back-breaking burden, but even with full authorization by the local to do so, he declined this assistance until the past several months when he finally conceded a point and selected Brother Paul Murphy on a part-time basis. However, it would seem that Brother Murphy's help arrived too late, and we stand with bowed heads today, in humble recognition of our terrific loss, and with the deepest sympathy for the wife, daughters, and other members of the bereaved family of Brother Jim Lewis, husband, father, and a great labor leader.

Fully realizing that the work must go on, the executive board quickly met in special session to act in the emergency and Brother Murphy will act as business agent with Recording Secretary Lee Fry as his full-time assistant until our regular election in June. At that time and until that time we'll carry on in the very best way we can despite the rough bumps, by all working together for the common good.

Our days on earth are very fleet,  
Live and use them as best you  
can,

The flesh may quit us any time  
But EVER lives the good of man.

HARRY O. PATTERSON, P.S.

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## Credit Union Does Good Job in Local

L. U. 759, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLA.—Well, here's a few words from L. U. 759 of sunny Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Our winter season is just about over and the "Yankees" are returning to their home states now that the worst

## Officers of Local 768, Kalispell



Front row: W. C. Wright, International Vice President, 8th District; Eugene Havens, Local 768 President; Charles Byers, Business Manager. Back row: Executive Board members William Woessner, Kenneth Frank, Myron Chase, Kenneth Nelson, and Walter Little.

of the cold weather is over. We enjoyed sharing our warm weather and sunny skies with them and hope they will return next year.

By the time this hits print, negotiations should be well under way, and going smoothly we hope.

Our newly formed Credit Union is doing great. The response to it has been great. One hundred and eighty members have already joined, so get in boys. It was formed for you, for your benefit, to help you to save, and to help you in time of need. Praise goes to Ed Glover who did the hard work needed to get the credit union rolling. Also to Bob Lutes who is its treasurer.

A sure sign that spring is here, our Softball Team is getting in shape and will soon start practice. Lots of good luck team! We all hope you will have a good season and we will be out rooting for you.

That seems to be all for this month, will try to have something for the JOURNAL again next month.

J. J. MCCARTHY, P.S.

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## More Information On Kalispell Plant

L. U. 768, KALISPELL, MONT.—Local 768 was honored recently by a visit from Vice President Wright of the Eighth District. Brother Wright attended a meeting of our Executive Board on March 5th, while he was here. We are enclosing some pictures taken at that meeting.

We have had a number of requests for information concerning the aluminum plant to be built near Kalispell by the Anaconda Company. As yet no construction is in progress on the plant, nothing has been done except



International Vice President W. C. Wright and Local 768 President Eugene Havens.

clearing of the site. We do not expect to need additional men in this area until approximately the first of June. At the present we have a number of our own members on the bench.

The Flathead Valley has been enjoying wonderful spring weather. We had a mild winter, too, but even so there was a shortage of employment for our members. We hope things will pick up soon. Many of our members have secured work in other jurisdictions for the winter months.

Local 768 is engaged in negotiations with the utility companies and the National Electrical Contractors' Association, but we have nothing to report on these negotiations at the present time.

VELVA ELGIN, P.S.

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## Serious Accident To Jackson Member

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—Today, as we face new trials and responsibili-

ties, we need renewed courage and faith to adequately fulfill our obligations to God and country.

Remember that your "Home Town U.S.A." is a vital part of America, and just as America was brought to flower in the interest of its people, so was your hometown nourished, for the all-over good and well being of the people in it.

Local 835 adopted a resolution deploing the death of Brother Edgar Eugene Shipley. The resolution called attention to his unselfish service in the local. It is with sadness that I must write that Brother Shipley has passed away. Local 835 and the boys will miss him.

Charles R. Cates received 2300 burns at Paris, Tennessee. It was necessary to amputate two fingers of his right hand. Glad to say, he is much improved and will soon be back on the job.

Brother Ray Wiandt's wife has been in the hospital very sick, but she is at home now and doing nicely.

Our Business Agent W. E. Nichols and J. W. Goodwin attended the T.V.A. Panel meeting held in Chattanooga. They reported progress is being made.

We have a new project started in our city, placing special equipment in the elementary schools for handicapped children. I feel our local will certainly do its part.

W. E. Nichols will represent Local 835 as delegate at the State Federation of Labor meeting. J. W. Goodwin, will represent the Trades and Labor Council as alternate to the State Federation of Labor meeting to be held in Johnson City, Tennessee, May 26th and 27th.

Our old timers as well as the young ones will be sorry to learn that H. W. Kilpatrick is sick and not able to be on the job. We are wishing along with all of you, that "Kill" will soon be his old self again.

We wish to thank Local 816, Paducah, Kentucky for taking care of our members during the past year or two. We appreciate everything they have done.

The following is a copy of a poem written by J. Edward Hungerford and published in the "RAILROAD MAN'S," Street and Smith, publishers, in their issue of September 1911. The name of the publication has been changed. We know it as "RAILROAD WORKER MAGAZINE." Please note: The last verse was later composed and added, by one of our members in 835, his name is Joe S. Thompson. Thanks "POP," for the poem.

#### THE LINEMAN

I am not the fellow who guides the train  
With narrow escapes and thrills;  
No, I'm not the chap that you read about,

Bedecked with the fancy frills;  
You can't class me with the man who fires  
Or the rest of the gallant crew,  
I'm only the fellow who strings the wires  
That carry the orders through.

I haven't done much that a man can boast  
To merit a heap of praise;  
But I've covered this land from coast to coast  
With copper and knobs and stays;  
I have played the game and I've had my flings  
At thrillers to take your breath;  
Yes, I've seen my share of the bitter things  
And hung in the jaws of death.

I have worked up North in the snow and sleet  
At forty degrees below;  
And I've shinned up poles with the tropic heat  
At a hundred and twelve or so;  
I have laughed at death on the canyon's rim  
And battled through floods and fire;  
And I've seen those times when the lights went dim  
And the world was a maze of fire.

I have stood a shift when my hands were numb  
And the ground was a dizzy blur;  
I have worked all day with a broken thumb,  
At two bucks and a quarter per;  
I have been shut up in a tunnel tomb  
Cut off from the light and air;  
And I've shinned a pole just to make more room  
For a curious polar bear.

No, I'm not the chap that you read about  
All decked in the fancy frills;  
But I've had my share of the bumps and knocks  
And a few of the shocks and thrills;  
You can't class me with the man who fires  
And the rest of the gallant crew;  
But it isn't a cinch to string the wires  
That carry the orders through.

So when I make my final dead end  
Spanning Jordon deep and wide;  
I will see the master station  
Into which all wires are tied,  
And there I will meet the Chief Electrician  
God The Father, God The Son  
And may hear them softly saying  
Faithful Workman, "welcome home."  
J. W. GOODWIN, P.S.

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#### 70 Take Part in Annual Ladies' Night

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—My contributions to "Local Lines" remind

me of one of Herb Shriner's programs based on the fact that when there isn't any weather there isn't anything for some people to talk about. With me, when there isn't any news I don't have anything to write about. This month is different. (Only if this doesn't reach Washington in time it will be next month.)

On February 28th, Local 840 was once again host for our annual ladies' night. The party was held at the Legion Home in Geneva. About 70 participated in the demolition of as many juicy steaks. Following a superb banquet, Past President Roy Hobson introduced each member, who, in turn, introduced his wife. Some interesting remarks were heard. Our Financial Secretary Leo Kelleher, then gave a brief outline of the history of Local 840. He stated that the first meeting was held on November 6, 1918. The charter was presented by W. F. Tracy, secretary of the Geneva Federation of Labor. Charter members were R. K. Belden, W. W. Hosking, C. H. Holliday, C. H. Allen, N. G. Green, William Baxter, J. J. Gilkey, K. O. Carroll, W. H. Beach, Stewart McMillan, George Bridges, elected were: President, J. J. Gilkey; Vice-President, William Baxter; Financial Secretary, K. O. Carroll; Recording Secretary, W. H. Beach. The office of financial secretary and treasurer were combined. The dues were set at one dollar per month. The rental of the meeting room was one dollar per meeting. In January 1919 the dues were raised to \$1.25 per month. Reference was made to a pass word in the last quarter of 1919. Although the initiation fee was \$100 at first, it was lowered to \$50 in December 1919. In February 1920 the wage scale was changed from 87½ cents to 90 cents per hour. It was noted in July 1921 that negotiations were in progress to get Saturday afternoons off and to get time and a half for overtime. Various interesting phases of the history of the local were touched upon.

At the present time our dues are \$8.50 per month and our rate per hour is \$2.75. Due to the amiable relations we have with our contractors, our conditions are exceptionally good. At our very recent negotiating meeting our contractors agreed to a ten-cent per hour welfare plan, which has worked successfully in other locals and crafts, as well as improved working conditions.

ROY H. MELDRIM, P.S.

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#### Apprentices Graduate In Railroad Local

L. U. 844, SEDALIA, MO.—The new Apprenticeship Certificates were

awarded to the graduate apprentices of Local Union 844, Sedalia, Missouri, at the regular meeting in February. This being a railroad local, these boys studied under the railroad educational system.

Shown holding their certificates in the picture, are from left to right, back row; R. E. Grother, Jr., graduated in 1948—Leigh Allcorn in 1927—John Rose in 1927—Lynn Borchers in 1950—and Leonard Klein in 1952. Front row; Joe Payne, chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee, Leo Coxon, graduated in 1940—James Bartlett in 1948—Jewell Schilb in 1952—Kenneth Schaberg in 1933, and Harold Painter, president.

John Rose, a charter member of the local, is now traveling radio supervisor for the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. Leigh Allcorn, also a charter member, is acting electrical supervisor in the Sedalia, Missouri Pacific Shops. Leigh has served Local 844 in various capacities, such as local shop committee chairman, and member of the Executive Board. Also a charter member is Kenneth Schaberg who has served as recording secretary.

Leo Coxon, is a member of the local shop committee in the Reclamation Department and has served in other capacities. Chester Kerr, unable to be in the picture, is on the shop committee and has served as vice president. Arthur Johnson, not in the picture, is on an extended leave, due to his health. James Bartlett is our present Vice President, and also a member of the Executive Board. Rudy Grother is also in the Reclamation Department. Lynn Borchers, Leonard Klein, and Jewell Schilb have just currently graduated, and we are sure they will come forward to serve their local well.

JOE PAYNE, R. S.

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## Newcomer to Local Lines' Columns

L. U. 854, BUFFALO, N. Y.—It probably has been a long time, if ever, since this local has been represented in the JOURNAL, and I wish to extend a friendly hello from my Brothers and myself.

We are line, diesel construction, and communication electricians from System Councils 7 and 11, employed by the N. Y. C. & Erie Railroads. We have two local units—one located at Rochester, New York, and another at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, which are growing steadily with every coming day and year.

At our last local union meeting, Brothers Bill McKenzie and Walter O'Gee were presented with 25-year pins for outstanding and faithful service they have given this local and the I.B.E.W. Brother O'Gee has 26 years in the Brotherhood and is our treasurer. Brother McKenzie is a

26-year member also, and our local president. Lawrence Metz made the presentation and a very fine job he did too. Handshakes and congratulations followed. There are four more members in the 25-year class, but as yet they have not been presented their pins. They are R. F. Fors, H. Oppenlander, H. Lounsbury and J. A. Naczak. Hats off to these fine members and may we see and hear of many more of them.

Also, a donation was made to the Silver Jubilee Pension Fund, instead of a loan, which was the original call. A very nice letter of appreciation was received here from J. Scott Milne, the International Secretary, which makes us all feel proud in announcing this.

That's about all we have to offer at this sitting, but we intend to be

I have been a member of this local since it was organized over 30 years ago and have been recording secretary for about 20 years, and I can count the number of times I have missed a meeting on my two hands, while there are some members in the Twin Cities who have attended meetings only the same number of times. What seems to be the matter with this local? Why can't the members get out to the meetings and let the officers know what they want and not let the committees do all the work.

Let us all make it a point to be present at some of the meetings coming up and let our officers know that we are behind them, not against them.

Hoping to see more members at the coming meetings.

CARL W. FRANK, P.S.

## Local 844 Apprentice Graduation



These graduating apprentices of Local 844, Sedalia, Mo., received their certificates at the local's regular meeting recently. Their names are given in the local's letter.

represented more consistently in the future.

STANLEY URBANSKI, P.S.

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## Milwaukee Attendance At Meetings Drops

L. U. 886, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Since my last article to the JOURNAL quite a few things have happened. We have, among other things, won the union shop on the railroad and we also are to get a productivity increase in wages as soon as the referee hands down his decision.

Even with these things, what has happened to our membership with regard to attendance at meetings? The Milwaukee group that used to dominate the attendance now is conspicuous by its absence while the smaller railroad groups make up the attendance at the meetings.

At a time like this when everybody should have a keen interest in their union meetings it seems that some people's toes have to be stepped on before they will attend meetings.

## State Conference Meets in Janesville

L. U. 890, JANESVILLE, WIS.—In January, Local 890, I.B.E.W. negotiated a 10-cent-an-hour wage hike, which brings our wage scale to \$2.65 an hour. It took much time and effort, for as usual the same contractors that hinder union benefits stalled for time. Our firm stand enlightened the situation and we received what was due us.

The semi-annual meeting of the Wisconsin State Conference of the I.B.E.W. was held in Janesville, February 21, 1953.

Friday evening February 20, 1953, delegates of all Wisconsin I.B.E.W. locals began making their entry. A suite of rooms were made available for briefs and refreshments. Sisters Pat and Mary Mulligan of Janesville labor union locals were hostesses and aided in welcoming delegates. Brothers Bud Neinfelt, John Wanninger, C. L. Carroll, E. Frye, Mel Linnery, Floyd Dahl, Le Roy Burrows, Ken Richards, H. Ringhardt, and Herb

Durner were Local 890's welcoming committee. Incidentally, Brother Ken Richards is back with us again after a brief tour of the East.

Brother Jerry Baldus, I.B.E.W. Representative, and his attractive wife dropped in for a chat. Brother Bill Collins, I.B.E.W. Representative, dropped in and sang a few ballads.

Saturday afternoon the meeting was called to order by Brother H. Ringhardt, president of Local 890. After extending a sincere welcome to all delegates present, the meeting was turned over to Chairman Rex Fransway and Brother Ed Madsen, secretary.

Brother Bill Collins, I.B.E.W. Representative, gave a brief speech on jurisdiction of electrical work. He stated that electrical contractors should contract or receive all work involving electrical work, whether it be digging trenches or pouring concrete, as long as it is designated or tied-in with our installation.

Brother C. L. Carroll, Local 890's business manager, gave briefs on other trades prefabricating our work before electrical contracts are let. Too many contracts are sublet making it more difficult to control our work. Carpenters put sleeves in forms for our conduit and steel workers weld brackets and supports for our equipment, etc.

Brother H. Ringhardt, Local 890's president, cited other trades handling our equipment as it comes on the job, such as motors, switch gear, etc. Laborers and steel workers usually infringe on this type of work.

Brother Jerry Baldus, I.B.E.W. Representative, gave a briefing on jurisdictional rights. He stated that Wisconsin and Minnesota were the states in best shape in this respect. He advised when writing the I.B.E.W. office on jurisdictional rights, to give recommendation of changes, and all information pertaining to such. He advised policing all territories in jurisdiction, and giving location of rivers, counties, townships and state lines for mapping jurisdictions. He stated that careful planning and co-operation among trades can eliminate much difficulty. Labor must get together and improve relations among all trades or anti-labor laws will be passed and enforced to break the unions. Fair dealing and good judgment can solve the most difficult problems. Building trades have access to information to decisions of jurisdictions which can be used as an example for other cases that may arise. Improved relations between employer and employee would facilitate further negotiations.

Brother Wally Schnurbusch, Local 159, Madison, reported that Carpenters being first on the job handicapped other trades. Policing a job at early stage could eliminate this. The job must be policed continuously. He re-

ported that work in the Madison area was very good. T.V. men in Madison are to come under our scope.

Mr. Rex Ridley, electrical inspector for the city of Janesville, was a guest speaker. He made his remarks on licensing of Electricians to weed out rat wiring and plant electricians who are doing our work. Inspection of gas units, has eliminated much wiring by utility men who install such units. Mr. Ridley has drawn up a code for installation of T.V. sets and antennas. Anyone, or local, wishing a copy of code may obtain same by writing Mr. Rex Ridley, Electrical Inspector, c/o City Hall, Janesville, Wisconsin.

Brother Bill Luethy, chairman of the board of the Licensing Committee in Milwaukee, gave briefs of a bill to be introduced by a Senator to the Ways and Means Committee. The bill has to do with requiring of state licenses for electricians. It was favored by all delegates. The bill is very well drawn up and designated to benefit all Wisconsin I.B.E.W.

Brother Rex Fransway turned the meeting over to Brother Art Schmidt, vice president of state conference, as he was due in Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin I.B.E.W. manpower pool is located in Milwaukee. Information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. J. Larsen, c/o Local 494, 744 N. 4th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Representing Local 890 were Brothers H. Durner, E. Frye, C. Angerstein, H. Ringhardt, C. L. Carroll, Pat Carroll, and R. Kemmerer.

Guests were as follows: Brothers Jerry Baldus, Bill Collins, and Cliff Wetchen, International Office I.B.E.W. Representatives; Mr. R. C. Phillips, Bureau of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor; Mr. Rex Ridley, electrical inspector, Janesville.

Delegates in attendance were: Brothers G. Bulgrien, H. Jessup, H. Steffen, Local 965, Beaver Dam; Brother E. T. Gascoigne, Local 127, Kenosha; Brother A. Schmidt, Local 135, La Crosse; Brothers W. Schnurbusch, W. Hook, W. Franke, and H. Grossman, Local 159, Madison; Brothers Rex Fransway, W. Luethy, W. Gerke, G. Boldt, Local 494, Milwaukee; Brother E. McKinley, Local 663, Milwaukee; Brothers D. Sandy, P. Race, Local 430, Racine; Brothers F. Feld and M. Pomerich, Local 620, Sheboygan; Brother E. Lee, 276, Superior; Brothers R. Wagner and N. Peterson, Local 1147, Wisconsin Rapids; Brothers O. Olson and E. Gable, Local 600, Lake Geneva.

C. J. BONOMO, P. S.

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## **Preliminary Report Of Building Committee**

L. U. 934, KINGSPORT, TENN.—This local has recently taken some im-

portant forward steps. Paul Hicks, business agent, is out of the hospital and getting things organized and moving. There seems to be a feeling throughout the membership that we are going places.

The members voted a salary for an assistant business agent, and Mr. Hicks has selected John Jarvis, former president of this local, as that assistant. Mr. Jarvis has had experience in organization work, and will be a big help in looking after the large territory in this jurisdiction.

The building committee has made a preliminary report, but has not, at this writing, made a recommendation as to what, or where our new home should be. We are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to our new home. The able members working on this committee are Claude Bullis, Kingsport, Jeff Chafin, Elizabethton, Harl Oliver, Johnson City, and Ralph Green, our local president from Bluff City.

Work seems to be holding up in this area, and we have a few out-of-town men working. The weather is warming up and another summer is just around the corner. We send greetings to our members who are working in other jurisdictions.

We are very much interested in whether or not the new administration at Nashville is going to amend the open shop law to make it a union shop law. The governor, as a candidate, promised his support for this change. Some of our politicians seem to think we can be tricked out of our votes time after time. I'm glad to say the labor vote has been felt in recent elections in Tennessee, and that we can expect it to grow in importance.

I hate to admit there are places in the South where the idea of slavery has never died out. The "Southern aristocracy" is willing to go to any lengths to control their labor, even as their grandfathers did. A "gentleman" need not keep his word except to an economic equal. These are the principles of the people who control some parts of Tennessee. The best way to keep our powder dry is to stay qualified to vote, and to get the rest of the family registered and ready.

WATSON HELVEY, JR., P.S.

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## **California Vacation For Ambridge Member**

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—Steve Altoonian needs no introduction with summer vacation upon us, and if you were to ask Brother Altoonian where he will spend his vacation, he would say "California, here I come." Yes, that is where he went to see his son Paul when he arrived from Korea with an honorable discharge. At present Paul is attending electrical engineer-

ing school in Burbank, California. Brother Altounian has five of his children living in California, three boys who were former members of our local union and two girls. Brother Altounian is an active union member. He used to be an Executive Board member, delegate to San Francisco, California, Florida and Atlantic City. Since he is a grandfather, he's not only anxious to see his family in California, but also his grandson.

Olga Radwinski, from the stranding department, has set her date July 11, 1953. She will become the bride of Andrew Spolarich also from the stranding department. Brother Spolarich received a 1953 Mercury for a Christmas gift from his parents. It is very seldom that you find parents like that.

Beer and more beer—enough to swim in—that is the cry from some of our Brothers, when they visited the Duquesne brewery. From the expedite department was Bruno Vellea, Ralph Guzan and Bernard Sebastian; from the braiders was John Mallo; from the shipping department was Fred Yanko who was not satisfied with beer, also wanted some candy; and Walter Kleemook, steward from stranding department, was the leader of the group.

Mike Dutko, craneman over 25 years in the pipe shop, says he will not miss the good old summer weather. They still have two cars in their garage—at one time three.

August 15, 1953 at Kennywood Park, Pittsburgh, is the date the company has set as National Electric employees picnic. So let us all try to keep that date open and meet at Kennywood Park for a good time. The children love to go to these picnics.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

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## Production Pace Resumed in Baltimore

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—The stage is all set, and the curtain is rising, and the act is all about your Press Secretary Sears with the report of Local Union 1383, I.B.E.W. activities. I am writing with a more cheerful accent due to the fact that work upon the 95-footers finally got underway, and the production line will resume its former pace.

As of this writing one 95-footer had been sent down the ways, launching that is, and more to follow as the work progresses along the assembly line. Yes siree, we sure are glad the new Treasury Department head did not curtail this Coast Guard Yard project, although we still have another month to go before the fiscal year ends. So by that time another report will be due and your scribe will try to keep all you Brothers informed.

And now act two. At the regular meeting of March 20th 1953, which was well attended, President Burkhardt in the chair, Brother Walter Young gave a very good report of a group insurance plan. However the body voted not to go along at the present time.

Our oyster roast was held on March 21st at Brother Ed Fallon's Shore, and from general appearance every one had a grand time from what I hear. Once more, your scribe failed to attend this gala event due to previous engagements with the wife and grandchildren for that same day.

Brother Philip Scher of Local Union 28 who is my co-worker on an ore-unloader job, sends his belated Easter greetings to his brother Al in Trenton, New Jersey and to all his former fellow workers in and around town. Let's hear from you sometime, Al. Kindest regards to the family.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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## Local 1505 Variety Show Is Cancelled

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, MASS.—It hardly seems very long ago that we received our wage increase, coupled with a fat retroactive check, and now it appears that the Negotiating Committee is on the move again.

Although the Entertainment Committee, headed by Vice President John Casey and Chief Steward Joseph L. Lally, earnestly hoped to present a bang-up variety show this year, the fact that there weren't any rehearsal halls available managed to cancel out the plan.

However, President David J. Coady, Jr., has given the committee the green light to go ahead and plan for a dance in June. This one will be held on a Saturday night in order to give the second-shift workers a chance to attend.

President Coady proved to be a strong voice for labor at the AFL Labor-Management Social Work Institute held at Boston Red Feather headquarters. We're proud to have Dave represent us at these outside affairs and his willingness to help recognized charities is becoming well known in this area.

Vice President Casey and Mrs. Consuelo Morgan were head table guests at the dedication of the new Waltham Boys Club building.

Many of our members were presented certificates of completion at the conclusion of the special course sponsored by the Catholic Labor Guild in Boston.

Edna Kirwan, steward on the second shift in Newton, doubles as a traffic officer for the Newton Auxili-

## Ambridge Gives Iron Lung



L. U. 1073, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, recently presented the local fire department of that city with a Mullikin iron lung. In the above picture, Assistant Chief of the Ambridge Fire Department W. B. Krall, is demonstrating the "plastic bubble" to members of L. U. 1073, employees of the National Electric Products Corporation. Left to right John Zalinski, Fire Chief Krall, Police Chief Andrew Bires, Nick Kalabokes, president of L. U. 1073, Jesse Turner, Ernest Kalember, and Al Pfeiffer. On the floor wearing the "latest thing" in iron lungs is City Burgess Walter Panek.

## Activities of Waltham Local 1505



A quartet of Quincy, Mass., members of Local 1505 await their turn at the phone while attending a party sponsored by their Jamboree Club recently. From left to right, they are: Ann Solimini, Helen McCarthy, Arlene Barcella, and Arlene Nord.

ary Police Force during the hours children go back and forth to school.

Melvin D. Eddy, financial secretary, stated that the local's receipting and accounting procedures will improve greatly after the new accounting system goes into effect.

Aided by R. W. McCambridge from the I.B.E.W. International Secretary's office in Washington, the system was set up under the direction of representatives from the Remington Rand office in Boston.

All is in readiness for the 13 high school seniors to take the competitive



With the expert help of R. W. McCambridge, right, from International Secretary J. Scott Milne's office, a new accounting system was instituted in the Local 1505 office. The new system will be directed by Financial Secretary Melvin D. Eddy, left.

examination for the \$500 Louis B. Connors Memorial Scholarship.

At the end of the second third of the bowling season in the Raytheon Power Tube Bowling League, President George Burns reported that, in the American Division, the "Fakers" led with 44 points; in the National Division the "Toolies" led with 41 points, and in the International Division the "Dragons" led with 36 points. The "Toolies" also held the high team three string total with 1547, the high single string with 525, and Nelson had the high individual three strings with 356.

Scope has entered the annual labor press contest sponsored by the International Labor Press of America. Results will be made known at the 42nd ILPA Convention in St. Louis, September 20.

Joe Dever's top-notch vignettes on life in the plant appear each month in *Scope* and more than give the popular paper the spark it needed.

JOSEPH R. VALLELY, P.S.

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### Negotiations Under Way at Hanson, Mass.

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Negotiations started on Friday, March, 27th, for the opening of our contract and new amendments. This will be complicated because of the discontinuance of the enamel work at



Representing Local 1505 at the dedication of the new Waltham Boy's Club building were Vice President John E. Casey and Recording Secretary Consuelo Morgan.



Maurice F. "Mike" Regan, Local 1505 Executive Board member, pauses in his wiring work to pose for the camera.



Demonstrating the 'Bumps-a-Daisy' are Lorraine McQuinn and Edward Kalowes at the Local 1505 Jamboree Club dance at the South Shore Country Club.

Wheeler and the transference of 14 members to the Hanson Enameling Inc. plant.

These workers, in combination with some of the regular ones are anxious to continue as part of Local 1514 but at the advice of Arthur Houle, they are to have until April 30th to decide whether or not they will form a new local. However they must be organized so that we can keep our union stamp.

Everybody concerned in this change is wondering where they will be located after April 30th. Some will be hired at the enameling plant, and some with greater seniority may be able to "bump" into other jobs at Wheelers.

Angelo Silvestri, who has been employed here for nearly 40 years, and who is foreman of the enamel room, is to take charge of enameling at the Hanson Enameling Inc. plant. At present he is part of the time at each plant and is doing a very good job. He will see to it that none of his workers are imposed upon.

Ida is doing a good job as always, though now it is more difficult with Angelo away part of the time and the work that Frannie Hammond formerly did is also part of her responsibility, since Frannie is one of those transferred to the new place.

Florence Warwick has been sent up as inspector.

James Cary one of our burners has been given first prize for a group of ceramic paintings which were exhibited at an art show in Washington, D. C. We all know something about Jimmie's ability as a painter. Several years ago he painted a number of trays which were enameled and burned here. Also he has been interested in the covers of our JOURNAL and at one time considered sending a picture for the cover. Good luck Jimmy, we are proud to know you.

Mary Hewins has accepted work at Brockton. Lawrence Aldrich has severed his connection with Wheelers and Leo Gentile is taking his place in the maintenance crew.

Because of ill health Thomas Kelly has resigned as business manager and "Mike" Hammond has been appointed to fill the vacancy until election in June.

Harry Cone has returned to work after an illness, and we hear that Velvan Pierce has recovered and will soon be back.

Meantime the continuous kindnesses to an unfortunate member goes on and on. Can it be called misfortune to lose a limb when one finds out many friends who are determined that she shall walk again? One of the latest kindnesses was a Whist party to raise money to help with the purchase of an artificial limb. Apart from the large sum raised, and even though I am as yet unable to earn, I feel I am richer than ever before.

## Local 1505 Time-Out



This group of packers from Raytheon's Navy Spares Department spend part of their lunch period in a quick game of hearts. Around the table are: Ralph Gaudette; Joe Daigle; Frank Murphy; Tom McKinnon; Harry Murphy. Kibitzing in back are Francis O'Reilly and Frank Mirabito.

Thanks for helping me, for sharing with me my loss, and for helping me in my determination to be of use again.

Our Local 1514 is made up of "big" people. Big enough to reach from the lowest to the highest. A small part of the world, but a big part of God's kingdom.

VERDA M. LANE, P.S.

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## Steady Improvement By Scranton Local

L. U. 1520, SCRANTON, PA.—An infrequent contributor to the JOURNAL,



Members of Local 1505, Waltham, Mass., go for social events in a big way. Arlethia Thompson adjusts the tie of her escort, Louis Pitman, at the local's annual ball held at the Hotel Bradford Main Ballroom recently.

our local, a fledgling in the Brotherhood, (chartered June 1, 1950), has been concerned chiefly in the interim with improving wages and working conditions to conform with the high standards set by the older locals.

Using as a yardstick the contracts, wage rates and other pertinent information supplied by the locals of the Third District, we have steadily improved conditions on this property.

The degree to which we have succeeded is due in no small measure to a group of dedicated union members headed by our very capable president, Brother Warren D. Colle, whose mature wisdom has been most reassuring to those of us who had to grope and fumble to gain small knowledge of bargaining and of other union business. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the wholehearted support of our membership was and is, in the final analysis, the factor that gives strength and fiber to ours or any union.

As a result of growing pains, our social activities were largely ignored until about a month ago when our recording secretary, Miss Henrietta Kappral, was appointed chairman and given the task of planning a dinner-dance. In turn, Miss Kappral selected as her assistants, Misses Mary Dzik and Ruth Kimmich.

The night of the party, Saturday, February 7, 1953, the committees gathered early, and with some misgiving and no little hand wringing, waited for the arrival of our fellow members, their wives and guests.

## Personalities of Local 1520, Scranton



The Party Committee of the local is shown above. Seated, left to right: Wm. Farrell; Warren Colle; Mary Dzik; Ruth Kimmich; Henrietta T. Kappral; Leo Lightfoote, and John Ponkevitch. Standing: John Duffy; Orrin Hinds; John Quinn; James Jay Wood; Walter Drummond; James Burns; James F. Anglin; Earl Maxson; Paul Warwick, and David Walsh.

I am happy to report in way of acknowledgment, that the large and representative group that attended were unanimous in praise of the arrangements and decorations which were in excellent taste; and the music, food and refreshments were danceable, delicious and abundant in that order.

To those capable girls, the Misses Kappral, Dzik and Kimmich, our thanks for a most pleasant evening!

A report of the party would be incomplete if I failed to mention the names of our honored guests; one Brother Phil Brady, business agent of Local 81, I.B.E.W., who actively assisted International Representative Oscar Johnson in the organizational campaign to bring us into the Brotherhood and whose services and good counsel have won him many warm friends in Local 1520. Mr. Brady was accompanied by Brother Fred Siebecker, social secretary of Local 81.

In closing we would like to say that the anticipated merger of the Scranton Electric Company with the Pennsylvania Power and Light presents our local with additional problems yet to be resolved. We hope to be able in the near future, to report that we have maintained our rights as bargaining agent for the 530 employees of the Scranton Electric Company and have added to that number the approximately 5,500 eligible employees of P. P. and L.

JOHN B. DUFFY, P.S.

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### Atomic Project is Great Local Stimulus

L. U. 1579, AUGUSTA, GA.—In November of 1950, Local Union 1579 was a small but progressive local, having a membership of some 200 construction wiremen.



These are the officers and Executive Board members of the freshman local of Scranton, Pa., No. 1520 (seated, left to right): John B. Duffy, vice president; William F. Farrell, financial secretary; Warren D. Colle, president; Henrietta T. Kappral, recording secretary; Leo Lightfoote, Executive Board member. Standing: Orrin Hinds, chairman and secretary of Executive Board; Walter Drummond, Executive Board member; Earl Maxson, Executive Board member; David Walsh, Executive Board member; James Jay Woods, treasurer, and James F. Burns, Executive Board member.

Like all other small locals we were having considerable difficulty keeping our small membership employed. The lack of industry in this section has always posed a problem for the organized construction worker. This area is devoted primarily to farming, with a few scattered textile plants, which in my opinion are a liability rather than an asset.

Until some three years ago our existence depended entirely on a small amount of commercial and residential wiring, but the will of our membership to make sacrifices, and a keen spirit of cooperation is alone responsible for our survival through the dark days. I often think back just a few short years of our pitiful plight and realize that our efforts have not been wasted.

Our first real opportunity presented itself in November of 1950 with the announcement of the proposed construction of the Savannah River Proj-

ect of the Atomic Energy Commission. The job was not long delayed in starting, forcing us to make quick preparation to handle one of the greatest numbers of Electrical Workers ever to work on one project. The administrative work alone is a large job within itself. We quickly expanded our office force from one girl to six. We devised a number system that we use since it is impossible to go by name alone with so many people involved.

The security element of the project made our task more difficult. For almost two years I was not permitted to go on the project outside of the administration area. This was bad on the morale of our people and was a continuous source of trouble until it was recently overcome.

The project contains some 200,000 acres divided into areas. We have a chief steward with assistant stewards in each area. Our stewards are

## Group of Local 1701 Members



Not all the members of Local 1701, Owensboro, Ky., were present when this picture was taken, but this group proudly displays its charter.

charged with a great responsibility and are doing their job well. Ninety-nine percent of the grievances are handled satisfactorily on the job. The cooperation of our people has made this possible. In over two years of operations we have had one work stoppage lasting a day. We are proud of this record and will do our best to finish the job with no more work stoppages. We have made gains in wages and working conditions. Our wages are now \$2.65 per hour for journeyman wiremen and linemen. The W.S.B. held us back in wages but I believe we made up for that in working conditions. We are now negotiating a new agreement which I'm sure will result in a substantial increase in wages and other benefits.

We certified this job under the N.L.R.B. a year ago and it is a true union shop. We have some 2,000 Electrical Workers on the project now and every one is a member of the I.B.E.W. Where there are large numbers of men employed I can't recommend certification too highly as long as the Taft-Hartley Act is in existence. Our experience with a Senate Investigating Committee about 18 months ago prompted us to make use of this part of the law.

One of our greatest disadvantages has been the lack of a decent place to hold meetings. Some of our people like to attend the local union meetings and when you don't have adequate facilities it makes them very unhappy. We will soon overcome this problem with a brand new \$200,000 home. The plans for the building at this writing are complete and should be started by the 1st of April. The building is a two-story affair designed to be self supporting. The first floor will be rented for business purposes. The second floor will be occupied entirely by the local union. There will be an

air-conditioned auditorium on the second floor with a seating capacity of 500 people. This will be one of the better buildings in Augusta.

We are presently in need of journeyman wiremen. Come on down and help us enjoy the new home and the hospitality too.

GUY T. SOLOMON, B. M.

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### Green River Steel Job Advancing Steadily

L. U. 1701, OWENSBORO, KY.—A few months have passed since writing and as you can guess, things have been rolling right along. The Green River Steel Corporation job is going strong. Driving East on U. S. 60, one can tell it's a mighty busy place, as it has been coming steadily out of the ground. We have had beautiful weather, which has helped. Being a "Sunday driver" I see quite a number of jobs; the addition to the Municipal Light Plant, S. W. Anderson Department Store's addition, work being done on the Kentucky Wesleyan Col-

lege, a new 600-unit housing project being started and numerous others. Work in our jurisdiction is very good and we are now working under a new agreement at the rate of \$2.65.

Our sick list seems to have a couple of new names on it. Brother Gene Wells underwent an operation and is reported doing nicely. Brother L. R. "Buck" Dorris has been under an oxygen tent for a week, due to a heart attack while returning from work. Brothers Jess Reeder and Vernon Baird are still in poor condition. Members reporting from their visit to Madisonville Hospital said a new "wonder drug" has Brother Baird's hopes high. We sure hope to see these Brothers up and around real soon. Brothers, remember to go visit and chat with them, if only for a minute, it means a lot to someone who can not come to see you. Remember the "JAR!"

We wish to say to the 62 former members of Madisonville, Kentucky, Local Union 936, I.B.E.W., Welcome to Local Union 1701. Come see us or drop a line.

ROBERT W. CLARK, JR., P.S.

### Paraplegics Can Produce

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Every morning at the PMC factory there are the standard evidences of men arriving for their daily work. The only difference is that here the workers don't walk up the steps of the plant but ride in their wheelchairs up ramps constructed for their convenience.

Recently a news release from the American Federation of the Physically Handicapped said that some 64,000 disabled men and

women had been restored to useful employment during 1952, due to efforts of our Government and to the foresightedness and kindness of organizations and individuals like Chicago Locals 1031 and 134.

We are very proud of this brotherly action on the part of these members and hope that many more of our locals will follow their example in lending a helping hand to the handicapped.

# National Gallery

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her day, is captured on canvas by Reynold's rival, Gainsborough.

Notable early American portraits include "George Washington," by Stuart, and "The Washington Family" by Savage. While later American painting displays an "American Scene" by Inness, and marine paintings by Homer. And here in quiet fame is the renowned "White Girl" by that master American artist, James McNeil Whistler.

The greatest amount of natural lighting for the exhibition galleries is provided in the two-story structure by light filtered through skylights and laylights, with artificial lights being used when necessary. Paintings are not hung with wires but by toggle belts extended into the tile walls.

An elaborate air-conditioning system supplies the Gallery at all times with a regulated flow of clean air, at a proper temperature and degree of humidity to prevent expansion and contraction of canvases, and to guard against fumes or dirt injuring painted surfaces. And a special ventilating system between skylights and the gallery ceilings circulates air and removes heat under skylights in summer as well as cold air in winter. This system equalizes air pressure inside galleries to prevent conditioned air from escaping into attic.

## Modern Shops

Modern, fully-equipped carpenter, paint, electric, plumbing, sheet metal and machine shops are maintained at the Gallery. Special rooms include an airtight fumigation room for art works; a suite of rooms with special restoration equipment; and two air-conditioned storage rooms for objects of art. Three 13,200 volt three conductor leaded sheath cables (one as a standby service) connected to separate electrical supply buss sections at the main generating plant carry electric power for the Gallery.

Public services include an auditorium for lectures or motion pic-

## Death Claims for March, 1953

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
1	J. J. Rathel	1,000.00	125	W. F. Vickerman	1,000.00
1	J. J. King	777.78	129	R. Greenleaf	200.00
1	B. Leidner	1,000.00	129	R. A. Frye	825.00
1	C. Chelka	1,000.00	129	P. H. Bassett	1,000.00
1	R. A. Pickard	1,000.00	129	E. Tegmeyer	1,000.00
1	H. H. Fleishman	1,000.00	130	J. L. Zimmerman	1,000.00
1	J. P. Counihan	1,000.00	130	A. F. Dolson	1,000.00
1	C. C. DeLong	1,000.00	130	J. T. Oliver	1,000.00
1	A. J. Crossman	1,000.00	133	M. Van Tassell	1,000.00
1	M. C. Melton	1,000.00	134	E. Dell	1,000.00
1	W. T. Kidwell	1,000.00	134	C. A. Bartels	1,000.00
1	J. C. Watson	1,000.00	134	J. F. Burek	1,000.00
1	H. A. McVally	1,000.00	134	C. D. Rominger	1,000.00
1	L. S. Sawmiller	1,000.00	134	C. Ellison	1,000.00
1	F. Batke	1,000.00	135	V. F. Foust	1,000.00
1	J. M. Smolgrass	1,000.00	138	R. M. Weir	475.00
1	J. J. Jerome	1,000.00	141	P. P. Decker	1,000.00
1	F. J. Ziesenis	1,000.00	150	M. P. DuBay	1,000.00
1	E. C. Denning	1,000.00	163	T. W. McCollum	1,000.00
1	W. S. Belt	1,000.00	210	G. Friedley	1,000.00
1	N. O. Lindquist	1,000.00	215	G. Armstrong	1,000.00
1	J. M. Wyldes	1,000.00	214	L. L. Steele	1,000.00
1	J. J. Brady	1,000.00	226	F. L. Robbins	150.00
1	W. F. Anderson	1,000.00	245	C. E. Graham	1,000.00
1	N. H. Morrison	1,000.00	252	L. C. Kron	1,000.00
1	J. Small	200.00	285	L. D. Radler	1,000.00
1	W. W. Watts	1,000.00	210	R. C. MacBeth	1,000.00
1	G. Quinn	1,000.00	313	F. A. Miller	1,000.00
1	W. F. Duncan	1,000.00	317	C. L. Pettit	1,000.00
1	J. A. Lynch	1,000.00	337	D. M. Quick	650.00
1	J. T. Tigue	1,000.00	339	H. L. Cano	475.00
1	J. R. Hayes	1,000.00	349	W. E. Miller	1,000.00
1	N. R. Deaderick	1,000.00	353	S. L. Masson	1,000.00
1	L. W. Claypool	1,000.00	353	C. M. Shaw	1,000.00
1	A. Roberts	1,000.00	353	W. McArthur	1,000.00
1	J. R. Goodman	1,000.00	358	E. Sofield	1,000.00
1	F. H. Bennett	1,000.00	359	J. H. Goe	1,000.00
1	A. Mettler	1,000.00	369	J. D. MacLachlan	1,000.00
1	T. Underwood	1,000.00	397	V. Brooks	1,000.00
1	W. Whyte	1,000.00	408	H. M. Hayes	1,000.00
1	R. Rosenthal	1,000.00	414	C. D. Douts	1,000.00
1	F. Beasley	1,000.00	422	S. M. Shumway	1,000.00
1	J. J. Carey	1,000.00	423	R. E. Anderson	1,000.00
1	P. Michaelis	650.00	465	L. G. Barrow	1,000.00
1	C. F. Davy	1,000.00	465	L. Billie	1,000.00
1	M. Alexander	150.00	488	W. J. Schoenmaker	1,000.00
1	A. J. Casney	150.00	494	R. H. Krueger	1,000.00
1	G. Peters	1,000.00	500	M. A. Smith	1,000.00
1	A. F. Hassemer	1,000.00	523	O. M. Ohlweber	1,000.00
1	L. G. Carr	1,000.00	526	J. B. Reite	825.00
1	J. Hazenbister	1,000.00	569	G. H. Trunkenholz	1,000.00
1	F. A. Giamas	1,000.00	588	G. A. Hill	1,000.00
1	E. Rosner	1,000.00	589	J. Wissel	1,000.00
1	S. Ganzel	1,000.00	593	H. L. Johnston	1,000.00
1	J. Smiley	1,000.00	595	S. E. Dod	1,000.00
1	J. Ryan	1,000.00	648	T. Conlin	1,000.00
1	J. Panefazis	1,000.00	659	G. A. Holte	1,000.00
1	O. F. Benzinger	1,000.00	665	A. E. Casler	1,000.00
1	J. J. Brown	1,000.00	672	R. H. Nieswanger	150.00
1	H. J. Kruse	150.00	683	W. L. Davies	1,000.00
1	G. L. Smith	150.00	688	D. R. Savage	1,000.00
1	H. E. Ansdien	1,000.00	688	R. E. Patterson	1,000.00
1	P. W. Poraz	1,000.00	702	W. R. O'Neil	1,000.00
1	C. W. Heathcock	1,000.00	708	W. F. Churchill	475.00
1	C. V. Besack	1,000.00	728	N. E. Olander	475.00
1	R. H. Rumsey	500.00	739	R. Johnson	1,000.00
1	W. J. Brown	1,000.00	754	J. W. Turner	1,000.00
1	P. McNaughton	1,000.00	755	H. O. Shreve	1,000.00
1	M. H. Benedict	1,000.00	743	J. B. Hennerfer	1,000.00
1	H. W. Elmore	1,000.00	750	B. H. Gadd	1,000.00
1	H. H. Khauer	1,000.00	785	J. A. Reid	500.00
1	E. L. Bowling	1,000.00	823	E. E. Stupler	825.00
1	L. Hornan	1,000.00	862	C. A. Williams	1,000.00
1	W. Shultz	1,000.00	871	C. A. Blake	1,000.00
1	E. D. Dahlberg	1,000.00	887	W. F. Kneller	1,000.00
1	M. M. Johnston	1,000.00	896	E. B. Sojourner	1,000.00
1	F. K. Nanninga	1,000.00	936	H. E. Morgan	1,000.00
1	A. Bartholomae	1,000.00	948	W. S. Kinzdon	1,000.00
1	F. D. Flammer	1,000.00	949	J. Borgeson	1,000.00
1	G. C. Heyner	1,000.00	952	W. E. Swan	1,000.00
1	D. G. Aseltine	1,000.00	953	W. Korben	1,000.00
1	P. Jeffery	1,000.00	1009	R. P. Samples	625.00
1	R. A. Allen	1,000.00	1091	C. W. Chronister	1,000.00
1	J. F. Murrell	1,000.00	1095	G. J. Benedict	1,000.00
1	M. F. Melherson	1,000.00	1111	R. Mansky	1,000.00
1	W. Wilcox	1,000.00	1155	A. Onitsky	1,000.00
1	O. L. Bishop	1,000.00	1155	M. J. Fisher	1,000.00
1	O. H. Haller	1,000.00	1329	P. E. Brooks	1,000.00
1	J. R. Carroll	150.00	1523	J. C. Monick	1,000.00
1	T. H. Lantry	1,000.00	1631	W. J. Eazen	1,000.00
1	E. C. Hargrove	1,000.00			
1	H. V. Eyring	1,000.00			
			TOTAL		\$108,927.78

tures which seats 300; a public cafeteria; arts library; and free easels, stools and modeling stands for art students who wish to do copy work; as well as daily conducted tours and special daily and weekly lectures on particular works of art. An Index of American Design from 1700 to 1900 is accessible to designers, authors, publishers, and others.

(Photographs accompanying this article are from the National Gallery of Art.)

# IN MEMORIAM

## Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Our Father who art in heaven, Thou hast taught us to believe and trust in Thee and to ask Thy help for our needs. Our hearts are sorrowful, Lord, because we have lost so many of our members in the darkness of death this month. We ask Thee, Kind Father, to have compassion upon them and bring them out of the darkness and into the light of Thy peace in paradise.

And those who mourn them, Lord, their wives and children, mothers, fathers, friends, comfort them. Whisper to them that their loved one is not gone forever, but only waits for them in a brighter, happier land.

Remember us too, Father, we who make this prayer. We want to do Thy will but we are weak and afraid. Strengthen us, guide and love us Lord, and keep us close to Thee, so that when that day comes when we pass over into the darkness of death, we shall see the brightness of Thy countenance on the other side, and Thy arms outstretched in welcome. Amen.

Thomas Carey, L. U. No. 1  
Born October 19, 1886  
Reinitiated December 20, 1904  
Died March 3, 1953

Charles T. Davy, L. U. No. 1  
Born June 9, 1914  
Initiated January 10, 1947  
Died March 11, 1953

James B. Kirby, L. U. No. 1  
Born March 23, 1891  
Initiated January 26, 1951  
Died March 3, 1953

Paul Michaelis, L. U. No. 1  
Born June 27, 1907  
Initiated April 28, 1950  
Died March 13, 1953

Jacob J. Raithel, L. U. No. 1  
Born January 30, 1876  
Initiated September 26, 1924  
Died March 2, 1953

Roy C. Simowski, L. U. No. 17  
Born September 7, 1923  
Initiated September 19, 1952  
Died March, 1953

Robert F. Wernicki, L. U. No. 17  
Born June 30, 1925  
Initiated October 7, 1952  
Died March, 1953

Milton H. Benedict, L. U. No. 18  
Born July 5, 1889  
Reinitiated November 1, 1941  
Died March 4, 1953

Walter J. Brown, L. U. No. 18  
Born August 13, 1898  
Initiated October 10, 1929  
Died February 24, 1953

Edward Drabinski, L. U. No. 18  
Born August 11, 1912  
Initiated November 1, 1947  
Died February 1, 1953

Edward K. Johnson, L. U. No. 18  
Born January 22, 1889  
Reinitiated September 1, 1950  
Died January 31, 1953

Lewis V. Kenkel, L. U. No. 18  
Born June 3, 1911  
Initiated August 1, 1946  
Died December 25, 1952

Robert H. Kinsley, L. U. No. 18  
Born February 4, 1918  
Initiated November 22, 1940  
Died March 22, 1953

R. C. McClenehan, L. U. No. 18  
Born March 9, 1903  
Initiated June 1, 1928  
Died December 28, 1952

Raymond McCormick, L. U. No. 18  
Born December 1, 1904  
Reinitiated December 13, 1945  
Died January 1, 1953

Percy McNaughton, L. U. No. 18  
Born July 30, 1902  
Initiated April 19, 1926  
Died February 23, 1953

Nelson D. Baldwin, L. U. No. 28  
Born September 25, 1887  
Initiated January 16, 1919  
Died March 11, 1953

Eugene L. Bowling, L. U. No. 28  
Born October 14, 1904  
Initiated April 2, 1948  
Died March 14, 1953

John C. Watson, L. U. No. 31  
Born March 11, 1886  
Initiated September 26, 1933  
Died February 25, 1953

Gale Beckwith, L. U. No. 40  
Born March 22, 1884  
Initiated April 4, 1932  
Died December 21, 1952

Gabriel Chatvaire, L. U. No. 40  
Born February 17, 1897  
Initiated September 21, 1933  
Died January 30, 1953

John J. Farmer, L. U. No. 40  
Born April 18, 1881  
Initiated July 6, 1909 in L. U. 69  
Died October 21, 1952

Arthur P. Henning, L. U. No. 40  
Born April 27, 1899  
Initiated June 17, 1936  
Died January 26, 1953

Verne Johnson, L. U. No. 40  
Initiated October 1, 1947  
Died February 8, 1953

Paul H. White, L. U. No. 40  
Born June 8, 1904  
Initiated March 13, 1944  
Died February 13, 1953

Roy A. B. Allen, L. U. No. 59  
Born April 28, 1891  
Initiated October 8, 1941  
Died February 4, 1953

Mike Dutchak, L. U. No. 122  
Born September 1, 1914  
Initiated August 26, 1947  
Died January 28, 1953

Joseph S. Rogalsky, L. U. No. 142  
Born August 3, 1922  
Initiated March 8, 1949  
Died March 14, 1953

Waclaw Rogalsky, L. U. No. 142  
Born August 8, 1893  
Initiated July 30, 1948  
Died March 16, 1953

Maurice DuBay, L. U. No. 160  
Born December 1, 1892  
Reinitiated January 19, 1943  
Died March 8, 1953

Roman C. Kaeder, L. U. No. 160  
Born October 18, 1905  
Initiated February 1, 1938  
Died March 15, 1953

William A. Froehner, L. U. No. 240  
Born June 18, 1891  
Initiated March 7, 1945  
Died February 26, 1953

Leo Reed, L. U. No. 252  
Born August 11, 1894  
Reinitiated August 11, 1943  
Died March 21, 1953

Daniel F. MacKinnon, L. U. No. 326  
Initiated June 2, 1944  
Died February 4, 1953

William Bell, L. U. No. 339  
Born March 25, 1879  
Initiated March 4, 1927  
Died March, 1953

S. Louis Masson, L. U. No. 353  
Born November 3, 1891  
Initiated March 2, 1943  
Died February 9, 1953

Cecil M. Shaw, L. U. No. 353  
Born August 22, 1899  
Initiated June 7, 1917  
Died February 16, 1953

Charles D. Douts, L. U. No. 414  
Born November 25, 1898  
Initiated October 16, 1941  
Died March 2, 1953

Levi G. Nissley, L. U. No. 414  
Born January 31, 1888  
Reinitiated August 21, 1941  
Died March 16, 1953

I. G. Barrow, L. U. No. 465  
Born November 18, 1900  
Initiated May 6, 1937  
Died March 1, 1953

L. Blilie, L. U. No. 465  
Born November 10, 1888  
Initiated July 16, 1924  
Died February 22, 1953

George H. Hill, L. U. No. 588  
Born May 27, 1890  
Initiated August 3, 1942  
Died February 13, 1953

Sidney P. Creasy, L. U. No. 637  
Born September 9, 1890  
Initiated April 17, 1942  
Died February 17, 1953

William R. O'Neil, L. U. No. 702  
Born September 10, 1888  
Initiated October 21, 1941  
Died February 22, 1953

John A. Sparks, L. U. No. 702  
Born March 31, 1889  
Initiated December 24, 1945  
Died March 14, 1953

Frederick H. Pennett, L. U. No. 719  
Born October 5, 1887  
Initiated April 3, 1912  
Died February 17, 1953

J. W. Turner, L. U. No. 734  
Born November 3, 1899  
Initiated June 7, 1919  
Died January 27, 1953

Edgar E. Shipley, L. U. No. 835  
Born March 26, 1920  
Initiated April 24, 1948  
Died February 5, 1953

Roy H. Jones, L. U. No. 880  
Born November 1, 1900  
Initiated September 1, 1942  
Died February 21, 1953

Calvin S. Barrett, L. U. No. 937  
Born January 5, 1924  
Initiated May 1, 1945  
Died March 22, 1953

Charles Purdy, L. U. No. 1149  
Born September 6, 1896  
Initiated May 1, 1940  
Died January 29, 1953

Meryl J. Fisher, L. U. No. 1155  
Born November 17, 1889  
Initiated March 3, 1940  
Died February 28, 1953

Saburo Aburamen, L. U. No. 1260  
Born August 22, 1903  
Reinitiated June 30, 1952 in L. U.  
No. 1357  
Died February 27, 1953

Cesidio Cucchi, L. U. No. 1526  
Born May 7, 1892  
Initiated February 1, 1950  
Died May 22, 1952

Charles E. Henry, Sr., L. U. No. 1526  
Born December 30, 1898  
Initiated February 1, 1950  
Died January 30, 1953

Charles V. Hershey, L. U. No. 1526  
Born June 28, 1896  
Initiated February 1, 1950  
Died September 4, 1952

Frank E. Chamberlain, L. U. No. 1673  
Initiated September 22, 1943 in L. U.  
No. 1134  
Died October 17, 1952

## MY BOUQUET

My little son and nephew brought me a  
gift the other day  
And much to my surprise it was the  
loveliest bouquet.  
"Don't tell her where we got it," I over-  
heard them say,  
This roused my curiosity and filled me  
with dismay.

Could they have been dishonest, were my  
first awful thoughts,  
They did not have the money with  
which it could be bought,  
It seems there is a funeral parlor close  
by a vacant lot  
Where they retrieve dropped flowers,  
meant for the family plot.

I'm sure the dear departed, whoever they  
may be,  
Will forgive my precious darlings for  
so honoring me today,  
With blossoms sent by loved ones in  
fondest memory,  
To brighten up my room with their  
garland gay.

MABEL KERR GOTTA,  
Local Union 3,  
New York, N. Y.

## GOING WHOLE HOG

A young lawyer, pleading his first case,  
had been retained by a farmer to pro-  
secute a railway company for killing 24  
hogs. Trying to impress the jury with  
the magnitude of the injury, he gave  
forth with this exclamation:  
"Twenty-four hogs, gentlemen. Twice  
the number there in the jury box!"

## SHORT CIRCUIT'S ABSENCE

Since absence makes hearts grow fonder  
It makes us reflect and wonder  
If it isn't advisable to, partially, retire  
us?  
Perhaps it's best to give you a rest—  
The longer we'll be away, the more you'll  
admire us!

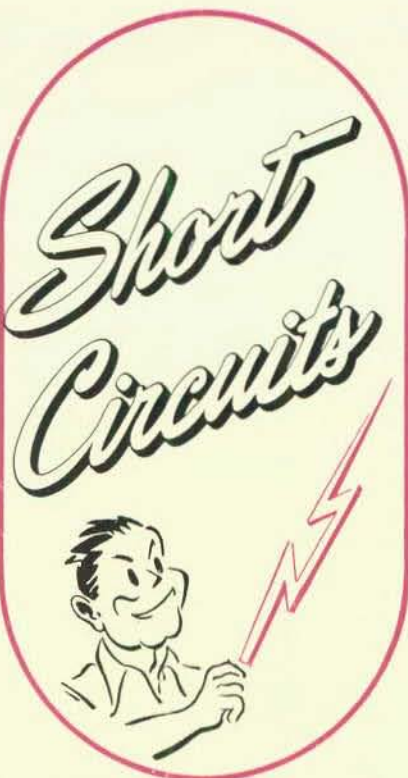
A BIT O'LUCK  
ABE GLICK,  
Local Union 3,  
New York, N. Y.

## HATEFUL HUBBY

The irate wife had just finished giving  
her husband a sharp lecture. "And don't  
you argue with me, either!" she snapped  
at the end of her tirade.  
"Argue," replied the poor man, "why,  
I never said a word!"  
"No," retorted his wife, "but you  
were listening in a most unpleasant way."

## BE ON YOUR JOURNEY, MAN!

When "his lordship," the boss, shows  
you the gate,  
Don't worry, buddy, it's all in the game;  
So, don't sigh nor bemoan your fate,  
You are a journeyman, be true to your  
name!  
You know the job is done,  
So, pack your bag and be gone!  
A BIT O'LUCK  
ABE GLICK,  
Local Union 3,  
New York, N. Y.



## PAGING MR. ANTHONY

Two women were gossiping on a stair-  
way one morning and they were discuss-  
ing the recent marriage of the daughter  
of one of them.  
"Since your girl got married," said  
the first, "how is she getting along?"  
"Oh, she's getting along fine," was

the other's reply. "There's only one  
thing the matter."  
"What's that?" asked the first.  
"Well," was the reply, "she just can't  
stand her husband. But, when a person  
gets married, I guess there's always  
something."

## WHO SAID THAT!

In my aimless ambling around, I have  
come across a number of electrical ex-  
pressions, definitions of which could not  
be found in the Code Book or our Con-  
stitution. How many do you recognize  
among those which follow:

Boomer, hot-stick man, grunt, knob-  
buster, wire-butcher, bologna worker, but-  
ton-hole worker, bird-dog, funny paper,  
strawberry picker, apple knocker and hot  
shot.

Expressions: A "wow" in conduit and  
BX. "Wrinkle" a piece of conduit, and  
"ginme a 2-inch set."

Let's start an electrical slang dictio-  
nary. There must be many more (publish-  
able) expressive terms for electricians and  
their work. Send them in!

THE WANDERING WIREMAN.

## TELEVISION VENGEANCE

Most conspicuous visitor to a local air-  
port was a small boy about eight years  
old. He very clearly had a phobia for  
airplanes. He manipulated a toy machine  
gun expertly and went "ratatat" at  
every plane he saw. Not only that, he  
cussed out each one precociously.

"Your son certainly has a powerful  
hate for airplanes," someone mentioned  
to the boy's father.

"Yeah!" shouted the youngster.  
"Why shouldn't I? Every time they fly  
over our house they make the television  
screen shake!"

*Recently our entire Brotherhood was saddened by the death of one of our  
organizers, Cecil M. Shaw, an IBEW man who was a real Brother to all. Among  
his papers was found this poem. We thought we would pass it on to you. It  
gives real food for thought:*

## TO MY SUCCESSOR

Here is a toast I want to drink to a fellow I'll never know—  
To the fellow who's going to take my place when it's time for me to go.  
I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be, and I've wished I could take his  
hand,  
Just to whisper, "I wish you well, old man," in a way that he'd understand;  
I'd like to give him the cheering word that I've longed at times to hear;  
I'd like to give him the warm handclasp, when never a friend seems near.  
I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work, and I wish I could pass it on  
To the fellow who'll come to take my place some day when I am gone.

Will he see all the mistakes I've made and note all the battles lost?  
Will he ever guess the tears they caused, or the heartaches which they cost?  
Will he gaze through the failures and fruitless toil to the underlying plan,  
And catch a glimpse of the real intent and the heart of the vanquished man?  
I dare to hope he may pause some day as he toils as I have wrought,  
And gain some strength for his weary task from the battles which I have fought,  
But I've only the task itself to leave with the cares for him to face,  
And never a cheering word to speak to the fellow who'll take my place.

Then here's to your health, old chap! I drink as a bridegroom to his bride,  
I leave an unfinished task for you, but God knows how I tried.  
I've dreamed my dreams, as all men do, but not all of them came true  
And my prayer today is that all the dreams may be realized by you.  
And we'll meet some day in the Great Unknown—out in the realms of space,  
You'll know my clasp as I take your hand and gaze in your tired face.  
Then all our failures will be success in the light of the new-found dawn,  
So I'm drinking your health, old chap, who'll take my place when I'm gone.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.



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**TO STRIKE TWICE!**